WEATHER FORECASTS

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Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

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DEFENDERS RECAPTURE GROUND FROM TEUTONS

Italians Win Considerable Success in Monte Azolone Region—Disperse Enemy Forces Attempting Counter-Attack at Monte Pertica—Prisoners Are Taken

STRONG FORCES ASSEMBLED BY AUSTRO-GERMAN LEADERS

Their Gains So Far Give Them No Decisive Advantage, Though Positions Recently Carried Are Important—Have Paid Dearly for Small Advances Made

ROME, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the enemy on Tuesday in the region of Monte Asolone, on the northern front, east of the Brenta River, has been retaken by the Italians, the War Office announces. The text of the statement follows:

"Yesterday in the region of the Monte Asolone front, east of the Brenta, our troops, advancing energetically, although opposed with stubbornness by the enemy, succeeded in depriving the enemy of a considerable portion of the gains which he obtained on Tuesday.

"A strong attempt at a counter-attack delivered at Monte Pertica was dispersed. On the Asiago plateau, the activity of our reconnoitring troops brought us prisoners.

"In the Camonica valley, east of the Astico, and on the Monte Tomba front, the fire by both artilleries was more lively and more frequent."

Germans Report Repulses

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The official statement today reads:

"The Italians seven times attacked the heights won in the last few days by the Austro-German forces west of Monte Asolone. They also attacked Monte Pertica three times. All the assaults broke down with heavy losses. An enemy attack on Monte Solarolo was unsuccessful.

"Last night and early this morning vigorous artillery engagements continued in the battle sectors."

Heavy Teutonic Forces

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN NORTHERN ITALY, Thursday, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A careful compilation of the strength and disposition of the tremendous Austro-German forces which, originally concentrated for the Italian offensive, probably have been augmented by troops from the Russian front, has just been completed by the French military authorities. The summary shows that between the middle of November and the middle of December the bulk of the enemy forces has been steadily shifted from the lower Piave line to the sector between Vidor, on the Upper Piave, and the Asiago plateau—the part that is held by the French—until the forces which now are trying to batter their way into the Northern Italian plains have been nearly tripled.

This army, the summary states, is all the stronger because of the fact that it includes seven German divisions known to be engaged against the Allies.

This formidable strength of the invader accounts for the scattered gains that have been recorded during the last fortnight, culminating in the capture on Tuesday of Monte Asolone. These positions are only a few miles from the plains proper, and therefore, as in the case of Col della Beretta, captured a few days previously, their acquisition is valuable. Positions flanking other mountains still are held stubbornly by the Italians, although the enemy is able to enfilade movements to and from otherwise strategic heights.

In gradually relinquishing a few points and in falling back in this sector upon a new line, the Italians are again strongly and strategically located. They have made the enemy pay dearly for each yard of ground gained, and have put up a determined defence that augurs well for the future, especially since the French are successfully holding every foot of their line, and have strong reserve forces behind their battle front.

The Italian troops by the end of October had increased forces on the Asiago sector, and by the middle of November the sector from Asiago to Stelvio had been vastly strengthened.

PAY NO ATTENTION TO GERMANS' TALK

Advice Given by Brigadier-General Loomis, Who Is Home on Leave—United Effort Needed

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—After more than three years of war service, Brig.-General F. W. Loomis, commanding the Second Brigade of the First Division of the Canadian forces in France, arrived in Montreal this morning on three months' leave of absence.

Discussing the war situation, the General said:

"I think the climax must come next season, and it behooves us all to appreciate what we have been told, that this is a very anxious time, and everybody should be doing everything they can to bring about success which can only be achieved by united effort. The Germans are carrying on their political intrigues in Canada, and even in Montreal, just as elsewhere. They are spreading suggestions about their own conditions, about their starving and lack of material on purpose, so as to dissuade us from making our extreme effort. No attention should be paid to them."

Report Made in Germany

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The Entente Allied powers, according to The Vissische Zeitung, of Berlin, on Dec. 16 accredited legations to the government of the Ukraine.

RAIDS REPORTED ON WEST FRONT

Activity Is Confined to Minor Infantry Operations and Artillery Firing—Enemy Attempts Foiled.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The War Office communication issued this evening says:

"This morning a raid was attempted by the enemy northeast of Messines. It was repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire. We captured a few prisoners during the day in patrol encounters on different parts of the front.

"Apart from hostile artillery activity east of Ypres, there is nothing further of special interest to report."

The War Office last night issued the following on aviation activities in France:

"Three hostile machines were brought down in air fighting Wednesday and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The official statement follows:

"An important raid undertaken by the enemy east of Fayet, in the region of St. Quentin, was repulsed completely.

"The artillery was active on the east bank of the Meuse River, in the region northeast of Fleury, at Hartmannsweilerkopf and in the sector east of Thann. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front."

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The official communication follows:

"Western theatre: Army of Crown Prince Rupprecht: In Flanders there was little artillery activity, owing to a thick mist.

"North of the Ypres-Menin road there was a considerable increase in the firing during the afternoon. A number of English prisoners were taken in a successful reconnoitring engagement south of Hollebeke.

"Army of Grand Duke Albrecht: Near Hirsbach, 31 prisoners fell into our hands as the result of a successful attack on the French lines."

AMERICAN ENGINEERS SHOW THEIR COURAGE

Offer Stiff Resistance to German Assailants in Battle of Cambrai—Tribute From General Seely

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The conduct of the American engineers at Cambrai was praised in a letter written by General J. B. Seely, commanding a Canadian Brigade, to Wilson Cross, vice-president of the American Chamber of Commerce in London, which was read today to the American Luncheon Club by F. B. Powell, the chairman.

"I am at home for a few days," Gen. Seely wrote, "and before returning to France I cannot help telling you of the extraordinarily gallant fight put up by a handful of American railway engineers during the second phase of the Cambrai battle. I happened to hear of it first hand, and the facts are worth recording.

"They were running their train forward at dawn and laying a line in front of it when they found themselves surrounded by Germans. No man thought of surrendering. Some fired with rifles to cover the retirement, and others fought hand-to-hand with crowbars and picks. Not one man of the party fell unwounded into the hands of the enemy."

U. S. Transportation Troubled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to Congress recommending enactment of legislation to meet the transportation question immediately after the holiday recess. Until it has been received the President has requested that the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee withhold making any investigation as provided under the Cummins resolution.

Serbia's Mission Arrives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Serbia's military mission was received here today with much ceremony. Escorted by cavalry, a party of American officials headed by Secretary Lansing met the commissioners. Later the mission was received by President Wilson and presented an autograph letter from King Peter. Tonight the President entertained the mission at a state dinner.

WILL BAR LIQUOR FROM DOMINION

Government Reported to Be Contemplating Radical Prohibition Steps to Affect the Whole Country.

STOPS IMPORTATION OF LIQUORS NOW

Manufacture Except for Medical and Other Necessary Purposes Next to Be Prohibited by Legislation.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—A special dispatch to The Free Press tonight from its Ottawa correspondent says:

"A first step toward total prohibition throughout Canada is being taken by the Government as one of its first post-election measures. Although official announcement will not be made until tomorrow, it is understood that at a meeting of the Cabinet Council tonight an order-in-council was passed prohibiting the importation of alcoholic liquors into Canada. It will affect the Scotch and Irish whiskey and other wet goods now imported to the extent of millions of dollars.

"Still more drastic legislation looking to the curtailment of liquor drinking in Canada is forecast for the near future. Prohibition of the manufacture of liquor entirely, except under licence for medical or other necessary purposes, is the next step.

"In brief, what the Government aims to do is to secure total prohibition by the process of cutting off all external or internal sources of supply, leaving only present stocks on hand to be gradually absorbed.

"The action of the Government is dictated by the realization of the stern necessity of stopping all forms of national waste, either of money or of man-power, and of preventing any further diversion of food materials now so urgently needed by the Allies."

Radical Legislation

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Ottawa Citizen says today:

"Radical legislation respecting the liquor traffic in Canada has been under consideration by the Government, and an announcement, it is understood, will be made soon.

"Details are not yet available, but it is understood what is in view as a war measure will be a long step in the direction of Dominion-wide prohibition.

"The prohibition interests long have been demanding a Dominion-wide measure, but the former Government was not prepared to go to that length till the Provinces went to the limit of their authority in dealing with the traffic. Legislation was passed, however, which amplified the enactments and made convictions more easily secured.

"The Union Government is prepared to go further, and after a time to be specified, it is understood that the importation of intoxicants would be debarred."

UKRAINIANS RESIST BOLSHEVIKI POWER WITH PERTINACITY

Second Ultimatum Said to Have Been Sent to Rada From Petrograd, With Apparently No Result—Odessa Is Reported to Have Gone Over to Ukraine Side

MANY KILLED IN FIGHTS FOR ODESSA AND ROSTOV

Reported Rejection of Maximalists' Peace Terms by Teutonic Powers—Some Confirmation Afforded by Appeal Sent to Socialists by the Bolsheviki Ministers

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, apparently is maintaining its determined stand towards the Bolesheviki Government. It is reported that it has converted its sympathies with the movement of Gen. Kaledin, the Cossack leader, into a definite alliance.

Advices received from Russia are to the effect that the Bolsheviki commissaries, after receiving the Rada's rejection of the Bolsheviki ultimatum, sent another one, giving the Ukraine a further 48 hours in which to reconsider its refusal to acquiesce in the demands of the Bolsheviki Government. Another report received here says that Odessa now has definitely gone over to the side of the Ukraine.

Fierce Fight for Rostov

According to details of the capture of Rostov-on-Don, printed in Petrograd, there were six days of fighting before the Cossacks entered the town last Saturday. The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 1,000 wounded in the fighting. The Cossacks gave short shrift to the Red Guards, whom they hate. The Bolsheviki chiefs fled from the town on board of warships. The cruiser Kolkkivida grounded in the river and was destroyed by the Cossack marshal. There has been no important fighting at Nakhitchevan, Province of the Don, where the Bolsheviki troops have fraternized with the Cossacks.

The Terek and Kuban Cossacks are reported to be expecting trouble in their territory, the hill tribes of the northern Caucasus having risen.

It is also said that some of the Cossacks in the Don territory are dissatisfied with their leaders.

Combatting reports in circulation that the Bolsheviki commissaries have refused to convene the constituent assembly, Moses Uritzky, commissary for elections to the assembly, has issued a manifesto in which he gives assurances that the assembly will be summoned as soon as the 400 deputies have registered themselves at his bureau.

It is said that a great quantity of valuable property has been taken from houses of the rich in Petrograd by the mobs that have been searching for liquor. Special dispatches say that the plundered people are absolutely without redress.

More Complications

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—The civil war situation in the south is growing steadily more complicated. The Ukrainians have concluded a treaty of alliance with the Don Cossacks to which the Terek and Kuban Cossacks have also decided to adhere, but the Bolsheviki in the south refuse to recognize Ukraine. Consequently fighting is ordered to begin at Kiev, and already there has been considerable bloodshed at Odessa.

The Black Sea fleet is apparently in a state of bewilderment, not knowing whether to take orders from the Petrograd government, the Kiev Bolsheviki, or the Ukrainian Rada. Numbers of small warships proceeding up the Don recently to help the Bolsheviki at Rostov are now stated to have withdrawn, leaving the town in the hands of the Cossacks. A Cossack army is reported to be advancing on Voronesh, 300 miles north of Rostov, and 300 miles south of Moscow.

Reported Rejection of Peace Terms

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph wires under date of Thursday.

It has been impossible thus far to confirm the unofficial report from the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. that the Germans have rejected the peace terms of the Russians, but a long dispatch from the Russian semi-official news agency reveals that the Bolsheviki realized how far apart were their ideas from those of the Germans. The dispatch is an appeal to the Socialists of the Central Powers to bring their influence to bear on their rulers. It says that the Socialists in all countries must understand that "between the peace programme of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates and the peasant delegates and that of the German capitalists, landowners and military generals there are irreconcilable contradictions. If these two programmes alone brought us face to face, peace would be impossible, because the Russian people have not dethroned the monarch and the bourgeoisie of their own country only to bow down before the monarchy and bourgeoisie of another country.

Peace can only draw near when the strong and decided will of the workers of Germany and her allies makes itself heard.

Little news regarding the peace negotiations has reached London. Foreign Minister Trotsky is said to have told M. Noulens, French Ambassador, that if Germany rejects the peace without annexations and indemnities it will end the negotiations.

It is noteworthy that in the Petrograd dispatches every government act is attributed to Trotsky.

German Negotiators

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, with an important staff of officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk, amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the national anthem and raising shouts of "Bring us a strong peace." It is stated that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish Ambassador to Berlin, and Dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The Bulgarian delegates include Minister of Justice Popoff and M. Kosseff, chief of the Foreign Office.

While the peace delegates are assembling, the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heart-burnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is in negotiation with the officers. The Pravda, the Bolsheviki organ, prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter-charge against the Constitutional Democrats, claiming that they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenine.

The Pravda further appeals to the workmen to defeat the attempt of the Constitutional Democrats to place Russia under control of German Imperialism. The Bolsheviki also accuse the Constitutional Democrats as being responsible for the looting of wine shops, which caused serious riots in Petrograd, and claim the possession of documentary evidence which they threaten to publish later.

SENDS FOOD FROM U.S. TO GERMAN FIRMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Important documents, said to reveal an extensive food traffic between the United States and Germany, through Sweden, were seized by Federal agents in Brooklyn tonight, when they raided the apartment of Gustav A. Meyers, a purchasing agent for certain German firms, and arrested him as an enemy alien.

According to the Government agents, some of the seized papers showed that Meyers had shipped to Germany foodstuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that he had been in communication with Germany as recently as a week ago. Bank books showing deposits of $12,000 to his credit also are said to have been found.

Meyers is about 40 years old, and is said to have come to this country in 1914, after the outbreak of the war. He lived in the fashionable residential section of Brooklyn.

FORTY-SIX DIE IN TRAIN CRASH

Heavy Death Toll in Collision on Louisville & Nashville Road — Wooden Coaches Completely Smashed.

SHEPHERDVILLE, Ky., Dec. 21—The death toll taken last night, when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7 from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of a Louisville, Bardston, and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railway station here, had reached 46 today.

The number killed was at first placed by W. F. Sheridan, superintendent of the Louisville division of the L. & N. Company, at 38. Revision of this figure, caused by additional deaths among those badly injured, increased the total to 46.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the L. & N., occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had gone only a short distance when the other train came into sight, travelling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be stopped it had crashed into the slower moving train ahead and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches it carried.

The locomotive pulling the fast train was badly damaged by the impact, but the engineer and fireman escaped with a few bruises. The heavy steel coaches it pulled were undamaged, with the exception of one baggage car, and the train was able to proceed when a second locomotive had been secured from Louisville and the wreckage of the train cleared from the tracks.

Blame for the disaster seems to hang upon whether the fast train had been given a clearance block or not.

MINISTERS TAKE THEIR HOLIDAYS

Sir Robert Borden Goes South for Short Rest, and Others Leave Capital—Cabinet Reorganization Is Task Ahead.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Sir Robert Borden left today for the South for a short rest after a year of unceasing work, of continual political crisis, of worrying cabinet reorganization and of heavy sessional duties, followed by a most arduous campaign. He is in good health, but worn out, and a short rest is necessary. He has left no address, but undoubtedly will find a place where he can get complete rest and plenty of golf. He was accompanied South by Lady Borden.

Sir Thomas White left last night for Toronto, and will also try to steal a few days' much needed rest over the holidays. Like Sir Robert Borden, he has had a most strenuous year.

A cabinet meeting was held last night until a late hour, winding up a certain amount of necessary business before the departure of the Premier and Sir Thomas. No important cabinet meetings will be held until after New Year, when the ministers will get down to work in earnest.

Cabinet reorganization will have to be reconsidered, made necessary by the defeat of two French ministers. What to do about Quebec is a serious matter. There is no thought of penalising Quebec, and yet the province has placed itself in such a position that it is impossible for it to be represented in the cabinet. If a French minister were named there is no possible riding where he could find a seat. There is talk of naming Senator Lesperance as Minister of Inland Revenue, and this might be possible, as he strongly supported conscription.

The question of further labor representation will also have to be considered. Not a solitary labor man was chosen by the people, so that Sir Robert, if he gets another labor man, will have to go outside the House. The name of Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, solicitor of the Trades and Labor Congress, is most prominently mentioned.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, who has been in the capital for a couple of days, left for New Brunswick this afternoon. After Christmas he will proceed to Halifax, where he will meet Hon. J. D. Reid, Major-General Mewburn and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, and confer with them in regard to reconstruction by the government.

Ontario Majorities

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 21.—Complete election returns show that J. E. Armstrong has a majority in East Lambton of 489. R. E. Truax, Liberal, has a majority in South Bruce of 325.

HAD ANTICIPATED CONGRESS' ACTION

U.S. War Department Placed Large Orders for Army Supplies Without Waiting for Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Without waiting for congressional appropriations, the War Department placed orders for supplies for 1,000,000 troops before the United States went to war, it was brought out today in the testimony of Quartermaster-General Henry G. Sharpe, before the Senate military committee. The committee investigating the supplying of troops went particularly today into the cause for the shortage in clothing.

Secretary Baker, General Sharpe said, authorized orders for clothing and other supplies for the 1,000,000 men just before the war declaration, and in June approved orders to equip another 500,000 men.

The only complaints of supply shortage received by the department have been in respect to clothing, General Sharpe said.

In an introductory statement dealing with the Mexican border mobilization, General Sharpe said the Ordnance equipmen ordered with Secretary Baker's approval, was the regulation 30 days' supply, including clothing, hats, shoes, tentage, and animals. This supply, he explained, was expected to last two to three months.

"In February," he said, "anticipating probable trouble, we ordered full equipment at war strength, for the regular army of 160,000 men, and late in March, when war seemed more imminent, the secretary authorized orders for equipmen for 500,000 more men.

"Before war broke out, I got authority for another 500,000, and in June for an additional 500,000."

These orders, he explained, were made without funds and in anticipation of congressional appropriations.

Senator McKellar inquired whether the council of national defence had not, in effect, taken over virtually all work in connection with placing orders for clothing. General Sharpe replied that all contracts and prices were subject to the department's final approval and that the civilian board only had assisted in preliminary negotiations.

Exemption Ruling

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Judge Dawson has decided that Plymouth Brethren, Bible Students and Seventh Day Adventists do not come under that section of the Military Service Act which would exempt them from military service, also that they do not prove that they are forbidden by rule to kill. He has decided to have a test case sent to Ottawa for ruling. Judge Haggart today refused exemption to H. P. Barrett, an American citizen, resident 15 years but not registered either in Canada or the United States.

Anger Is Aroused In Buenos Ayres

Crowds in Streets Demonstrate Against Germans and Their Own Government—Severance of Relations Is Demanded—President and Ministers Accused of Treachery

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 21.—As the result of the publication of the telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, to the Berlin Foreign Office, it again has been necessary to call out mounted patrols to disperse crowds of people, who demanded a rupture of relations with Germany.

The mob, which was shouting "Long live the Republic" and "Death to President Irigoyen," was dispersed after a fight with the mounted police in the Cella Florida.

Heavy guards again have been placed over the property owned by Germans in the city, and mounted men also are guarding the office of the newspaper *La Union*, for which von Luxburg obtained a subsidy.

In political circles certainty is expressed that Congress will demand explanations from the Government regarding the state of affairs as exposed by the von Luxburg telegrams. The general belief is that the publication of the documents will lead to new demands for the severance of relations with Germany, Congress already having refused to approve the budget appropriation for continuing the Argentine legation in Berlin, which was insisted on by the organs of President Irigoyen.

Street comments indicate that the public is not satisfied with the Government's statement which accompanied the publication of the von Luxburg telegrams.

Government Under Suspicion

The newspaper La Patria Degli Italiani in commenting on the publication by the Argentine Government of the secret diplomatic telegrams of Count von Luxburg, the former German Minister to Argentina, says:

"We would like to believe the Government's note introducing the telegrams, but its words of today do not agree with the facts of yesterday. The Government answers the telegrams with simple affirmations and without proofs. No one can deny the facts of the last month."

The newspaper then summarises the evidence in the affair, saying:

"Count von Luxburg assured Germany of President Irigoyen's friendship, which has been confirmed by his patience in awaiting the Toro note until August 25. Von Luxburg speaks of the agreement with Irigoyen in which it was specified that no more Argentine ships should sail for the war zone, and it is a fact that since August 28 the Government has impeded and often refused clearing any vessel carrying the Argentine flag, and nothing more has been said of the Oriana sinking.

"It also is true that in October this Government proclaimed its friendship for Spain and Japan, as predicted by von Luxburg on August 18. If the telegrams are false, von Luxburg at least divined the events which later happened, and many international circumstances occurred as he predicted.

"Argentine tried to prevent the visit of the American squadron, and the public wondered why. Von Luxburg explains to his Government the repugnance of Irigoyen towards Americans and the English. Fernando Seguier went to Bolivia and Chile apparently on a visit of courtesy, but von Luxburg explains that 'Friend Seguier' was endowed with ample powers to arrange a secret agreement against the United States.

"Von Luxburg now is without authority from both Germany and Argentina, although Germany gave him confidential instructions after these most notorious telegrams, and Argentina, after giving him his passports, permits him to remain undisturbed in the country.

"Why? Argentina knows that he can reveal further scandals when he reaches Berlin. This contradiction between the words of the Government today and its acts of yesterday perplexes us."

GIOLITTI MAKES STRONG DENIAL

Former Premier of Italy Is Roused by Charges of Pacifism—Deputy Pirolini Arraigns Sabotage Crowd.

ROME, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Giovanni Giolitti, ex-Premier and former Minister of the Interior, today in the Chamber of Deputies, in answering an accusation of pacifism made by Deputy Pirolini, said:

"I deny absolutely the comparison made of me as the Caillaux of Italy. The fundamental difference between us is that I never believed, nor will believe, in the possibility of a separate peace or a peace not approved by our Allies. Also permit me to say that when the enemy is on our soil the Chamber of Deputies should not offer a spectacle of discord."

Deputy Pirolini's attack came as the culmination of a long series of accusations against pacifists, neutralists and others who in part endeavored to bring on a war of sabotage. Declaring that there was a great amount of documentary evidence in regard to undesirable factors in Italy's politics, Deputy Pirolini denounced the Vatican as a "spy nest"; demanded that Colonel Jules Repond, head of the Swiss Guard at the Vatican, be placed under surveillance, and also asked why Monsignor Federico Tedeschini, Under Secretary of State at the Vatican, continued to visit the home of Monsignor Eugenio Pacelli, Papal Nuncio to Munich, who accompanied Monsignor von Gerlach, an Austrian, to the Swiss frontier.

Deputy Pirolini also declared that Monsignor von Gerlach called to see Mme. Caillaux, wife of former Premier Caillaux of France, at her hotel, and met her a second time at Monsignor Pacelli's house. The Deputy charged that there had been no result from the investigations into the sequestrated German bank, which had spent four million lire in the week preceding the war and also 11,000,000 lire during Italy's neutrality.

Deputy Pirolini's speech embraced all of Italy's political animosities for the last two years, and it was made with the approval of a large group of Deputies who are determined to carry on the war. While ex-Premier Giolitti's statement virtually was forced from him, it is considered in parliamentary circles that he has pledged himself to disregard the past and aid the war party.

Low Fuel Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Fuel supplies in Michigan have reached such a low ebb that Administrator W. K. Prudden tonight asked manufacturers in that state to suspend operations of industrial plants from midnight tomorrow until midnight December 26. The only exceptions are factories making war munitions needed for prompt shipment.

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GERMANS WANT THEIR COLONIES

Foresee Trouble for Economic Future in Lack of Raw Material—Central Africa From Ocean to Ocean.

LONDON, Dec. 21. (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The German press is adopting the inspired attitude that the honors of war as regards the East African campaign rests with the Germans. The Cologne Gazette says:

"There is little reason for rejoicing in London and elsewhere. Lettow Verbeck is not yet vanquished. We hope he will still hold out a long time. If after his immortal deeds he should be compelled to lower his flags and our last colony should thus really be lost, our enemies must know that the pledges which we hold in Europe will thereby be made only doubly precious. With these pledges we shall win back the tropical soil we need and intend to have for our future economic life."

German anxiety regarding Germany's economic future is being constantly revealed. Lecturing at Bremen, Dr. Karstady, one of the best known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said:

"When our millions of soldiers return from the war they must be provided with bread and work, but how, if raw material is lacking, for example, cotton? The problem is acute, owing to the closer economic union of the British Empire."

Dr. Karstady declared that Turkey could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw material. Germany must have a Central Africa stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian ocean. Hence, Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them. She must also construct essential naval bases. Dr. Karstady concluded by picturing German submarines operating as far as Aden.

LUMBERING TRADE IS PROSPERING

Mill Men Tave Had Good Year, Cut on the Coast Being Estimated at Billion Feet—A Supply of Spruce for East.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—With the approach of the Christmas week many of the lumber mills of the province are closing down for the annual repairs made at this season of the year and to accommodate employees who invariably take a week or two off at this time. Until the new year probably 50 per cent of the coast mills will be idle for annual overhaul.

Generally speaking, the lumber mills of the province have had a good year, although increasing supply costs and the shortage of labor have given the lumbermen cause for worry. Last year year the government figure for the total lumber cut of the Povince was 1,280,000,000 feet. This year lumbermen say they would not be surprised to see the total cut approach the billion and a half mark. The 1917 cut on the British Columbia coast alone is estimated at close to a billion feet.

The mills during the year cut a lot of heavy timber for ship-building. Conditions on the prairies were also fairly good and a good deal of lumber was shipped there. Although the export trade was fair, the shortage of ships curtailed the total volume of business.

The increases in the price of labor and supplies, and all classes of mill machinery and accessories having gone up in price, have been responsible dusing the year for increased lumber prices. Millmen hold out no hope that conditions will be any better during the coming year, and higher lumber prices may be looked for in 1918.

Some spruce is being cut locally for aeroplane construction, but there is not so much spruce in this section of the province as is supposed. The bulk of the spruce supply of British Columbia lies in the north and it will be the northern mills which will cut most of the spruce for aerial service. The munitions board is now working out a plan for securing large quantities of this spruce for shipment east.

POPULAR GOVERNMENT FAILURE IN MONTREAL

Senator Suggests Method of Administration Which Would Insure Stability for the Future

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Senator David, city clerk of Montesl, suggests the following system of administration for this city:

1—The Legislature, at the request of Montreal citizens, to appoint a body of competent citizens, selected from commercial and other bodies, to act as a board of directors for the city.

2.—This board to have the power of appointing heads of departments, and, if necessary, a small body of municipal experts to act with the heads, who would conduct the regular administration branches of the service.

3—The board of directors to meet frequently as directors do in business concerns and go over the work of the heads of departments; see if what was being done was according to sane business precents, and initiate any new move which experience would show would result in betterment of the administration.

4—The only remuneration to be given to members of this board to be a small nominal sum per sitting.

5—So soon as the finances of the city were placed in a satisfactory condition, the board to report to the Legislature on a form of permanent government for Montreal which the Legislature could amend, accept or submit to the citizens of Montreal, as it deemed wise.

Peru Bars Certain Exports

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 21.—The exportation of foodstuffs necessary for home consumption is prohibited by a bill adopted today by the senate. Sugar is the chief food product exported from Peru. In 1915 sugar to the value of about $38,000,000 was exported.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—There were 39 Western men and officers in tonight's casualty list. Two were killed in action, one died of wounds, and died in Germany, two died, one missing (believed killed), three missing, nine wounded and one seriously ill. The list includes the following:

Infantry
(Killed in Action)
Lieut. G. G. Bowie, London, England.
(Died)
Sergt. J. Diplock, Victoria, B. C.
Pte. E. E. Lorne, Victoria, B. C.
Artillery
(Missing, Believed Killed)
Lieut. J. W. Macdowell, Drayton, Ont.
Railway Troops
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. A. Fredin, Prince Rupert, B. C.
Machine Gun Corps
(Wounded)
Pte. J. M. Morrison, Greenwood, B. C.

MINES ARE ABLE TO RESUME WORK

General Revival of Activity Follows on Re-opening of Trail Smelter — Properties in Wide District Affected.

NELSON, B.C., Dec. 21.—Several hundred men went to work at the Trail smelter this morning, and in a few days the full crew of 1,500 will be employed. The furnaces will be running full blast in two or three weeks.

Work is also being resumed at Rossland, Kimberley and the other big mining camps controlled by the Consolidated Company, and whose shipments of ore are governed by the conditions at the smelter at Trail.

At independent mines the resumption of work at the smelter is also having the effect of increasing the number of men employed.

Mines which closed down because of the lack of market for their ore are resuming work, and others which had cut down their crews and were confining their efforts to development work are again making preparations to ship ore. Some of the largest mines in the Slocan district did not close down when the strike began, owing to the fact that their product was largely zinc ore, which could be sold in the United States. They shipped their zinc concentrates to smelters south of the boundary line and piled up their lead ore and concentrates, in the hope that the smelter strike would not last long. They are now preparing to ship this ore.

MILK REGULATIONS BY FOOD CONTROLLER

Limit Placed on Amount Which May Be Added to Actual Cost by Distributors and Dealers

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Food Controller has limited the amount which distributors of milk may add to the actual cost of the product delivered at their premises. From and after Jan. 1, and until further notice, the amount so added must not exceed such cost by more than 5½ cents a quart anywhere in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, or by more than 3 cents a quart anywhere in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island.

No distributor selling milk in any locality where the amount now paid to distributors is less than the maximum prescribed in the order may increase such amount without the written consent of the Food Controller.

Retail dealers are forbidden to charge a higher price for milk than the milk distributors charge the consumers in the same locality. If the cost of labor or other factors increases the cost of distribution, any distributor may submit evidence to the Food Controller and make application for an increase in the margin allowed in that province.

WAR APPROPRIATION WILL BE FIVE BILLION

Bill for This Amount Is Being Prepared for Presentation to U. S. Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, on which the House military committee was to resume hearings January 2, probably will carry close to $5,000,000,000 for the whole military establishment, exclusive of fortifications and field artillery guns, which will be provided for by the appropriations committee. The bill is expected to be ready about February 1. The total army appropriations estimates sent to Congress by the War Department aggregate $6,610,000,000.

"The military committee will give the War Department everything that they reasonably can convince the committee they need," said Chairman Dent today. "We will call up the bureau chiefs and then ask Secretary Baker to appear to go over his military policies. The sessions will be executive because of the military secrets involved."

WOMEN AGENTS USED TO FOMENT REVOLT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Utilization of women agents throughout the world formed a salient part of the alleged conspiracy to foment revolution against British rule in India, according to testimony today of the wife of Haran Gada Das, a high caste Hindu, in the trial of thirty-one persons charged with conspiracy in the proposed revolution. The woman testified that in Switzerland, in 1914, before the outbreak of the war, she had been begged by Har Dyal, one of the chief defendants, who evaded arrest and is believed to be in Switzerland now, to go to the United States, England, and India, to the proposed revolution. She refused, she said, and told Dyal she would have nothing to do with the movement. Mrs. Haran Gada identified the handwriting of Har Dyal in several letters which had been sent to Alexander Berkman, American anarchist. One of the letters said: "Can you send me some comrades to aid our revolution. They should be fighters, Industrial Workers of the World, or socialists."

UNION SECURES HEAVY MAJORITY

Vote in British Columbia Shows Emphatically Where Sentiment goes—Skeena Is Only Exception to Rule.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 21.—That Edward Gold's votes cost him five dollars apiece is established by the official return for the Vancouver south election, Mr. Gold polling forty votes and losing his deposit, $200. Mr. McVety, who polled less than one seventh of the total vote, also finds the election somewhat expensive. Chas. Macdonald probably still has hopes that the soldiers' vote will bring him his money back. He needs 146 to make up the fifty per cent necessary, but, on the other hand, Major Cooper will very possibly do much more than maintain his lead when the military polls are added.

The official figures are as follows: Cooper, 4,866; Macdonald, 2,360; McVety, 1,130; Gold, 40. Total, 8,396.

British Columbia's vote in favor of the Union Government was on a basis of three to two, according to computations from electoral district returns. Calculations from figures available at present show that the total vote in the twelve ridings for the Union Government candidates was almost 59,000, as compared with less than 40,000 for all Opposition candidates combined. B.C.'s declaration for the Unionist cause was therefore apparently clear cut and decisive. Presumably the soldiers' vote will increase the ratio in favor of Unionism. In not a single district except Skeena did the opposition vote exceed the numer of ballots recorded for the government candidate; in fact, in practically all of the constituencies the Unionist was well ahead of all opponents combined.

To Burrard constituency falls the honor of polling the largest vote in the province, its total being over 16,000. Several of the country ridings fell as low as 5,000, or slightly less. Vancouver Centre, with over 14,000, was second in the province, Victoria was third, Nanaimo fourth. The city ridings, having larger populations, naturally ran well ahead of the country constituencies. S. J. Crowe, member-elect for Burrard, polled the largest individual vote in the province, with H. H. Stevens, M.P.-elect for Vancouver Centre, second.

The following table gives the vote riding by riding. In some of the districts the figures are not final, a few scattering polls not yet reporting. The figures are substantially correct, however. Yale is not included, the election there of Hon. Martin Burrell being by acclamation.

	Unionist	All Opposition
Burrard	9,670	6,529
Vancouver Centre	8,069	6,051
Vancouver South	4,823	3,465
Westminster City	5,667	2,797
Westminster Dist.	3,164	1,721
Victoria	6,926	2,921
Comox-Alberni	2,281	1,822
Nanaimo	6,150	3,264
Skeena	1,821	2,304
Cariboo	3,281	1,799
East Kootenay	3,110	2,308
West Kootenay	3,859	3,008
Totals	58,830	37,989

CHINA MAY BECOME EXPORTER OF WHEAT

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—J. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner in China, in a recent report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, discussed the probability of China becoming a great wheat exporting country in the near future.

After noting the great decrease in the amount of imports of flour from Canada and the United States during the last two years, a decrease amounting in value to $6,000,000, Mr. Ross says:

"The almost prohibitive cost of imported flour has greatly stimulated the cultivation of wheat in many parts of China, and the erection of new mills throughout the country has rendered China very nearly independent of outside sources. It is quite unlikely that foreign flour will ever again be received into China in the quantities previous to the war. On the other hand, it is fairly certain that Chinese flour may ultimately be exported to other countries, as has been the case with limited quantities this year."

NIGHBOR IS UNABLE TO JOIN TORONTOS

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Frank Nighbor, the Ottawa sensational forward, who is in Toronto with the Royal Flying Corps, will not play for his team when they meet the Torontos here Saturday night. Nighbor received a letter last week ordering him to report for practice in Ottawa, but he being in the army this was easier asked than performed. It was impossible for Frank to go east, and therefore he had been unable to practice. The other day he received a letter from the Ottawa management ordering him to report at the arena Saturday night to play against the Torontos. Nighbor informed them that he was not in condition and would not play.

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PARIS, Dec. 21.—A decree authorizing the formation of a Czech-Slovak army in France appears in the official journal today. One such army, numbering 30,000 men, already has been formed in Russia. It will be attached to the French army, which is daily being swelled by the arrival of fresh recruits from America. The entire army will be placed under the political control of nationals of the Czech-Slovak countries. The headquarters will be Paris.

MINISTER LOOKS AT P.G.E. LINE

Hon. John Oliver Seeks Remedy for Troubles in Capilano Valley—Question of Provincial Operation.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, is in the city today for the purpose of going into matters in connection with the recent washouts on the P. G. E. west of North Vancouver. With Mr. Procter, Provincial Engineer of Railways, he intends to make a tour of inspection of the place which has caused so much inconvenience, and, if possible, he will discover a remedy for this trouble, which has been forcing a tie-up of the company's service on the Horseshoe-North Vancouver tracks. It is possible as a result of the Minister's visit that the line may be diverted so that the frequent washing away of the bridges may be obviated in the future, but on this point Hon. Mr. Oliver would not make a definite statement when seen today.

When asked as to whether it was the intention of the Provincial Government to take charge of the line and to operate it as a provincially-owned railway, Hon. Mr. Oliver replied that at present no measure has been taken that would lead to that conclusion. The financial conditions in British Columbia, as elsewhere, were not favorable to the adoption of such a policy, he said, although he admitted that the government might have to adopt it at some future time.

"Matters remain just as they were some months ago," said the Minister, "and there is no likelihood of a change taking place for a considerable time."

The outlook from a monetary standpoint was not at all a favorable one, said Mr. Oliver, and so far as he could see, after the war there was bound to be a condition of affairs that would mean increased taxation all over Canada. With that in view it was impossible to say what plan the government would adopt with respect to the railway situation so far as it affected the Pacific Great Eastern.

Mr. Oliver refused to express any opinion on the result of the Federal elections, and said that he had purposely kept out of the contest. He had his hands full of work at the present time, and that was enough for him, he said.

RIGHT ADDRESSES FOR RED CROSS SUPPLIES

Instructions Issued for the Benefit of Organizations Doing Benevolent Work in Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The following statement has been issued by the Militia Department: "It is urgently necessary that charitable individuals and organizations throughout Canada who are good enough to send shipments of Red Cross supplies of any kind to any unit of the Canadian troops should clearly understand that if these supplies are not forwarded to the Red Cross committee in Canada, but are sent direct by private individuals, they should be sent either to the Red Cross commissioner, 14 and 16 Cockspur Street, London, S. W., England, or direct to the hospital unit concerned. Many of these shipments are still being forwarded addressed to the Canadian Medical Stores, Southampton. This Canadian medical store has been for some time closed and parcels thus addressed can scarcely do otherwise than go astray. Packages addressed to individual hospital units should no longer be sent except through the Red Cross committee in Canada or to the Red Cross commissioner, Great Britain, at the above address. There are no facilities at Southampton for handling them."

EXPECTED ARGENTINA WILL DECLARE WAR

German Trickery Has Exhausted Patience of Statesmen of the Southern Republic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Declaration of war against Germany by Argentina was regarded as almost certain in Latin-American diplomatic circles today as the result of new evidences of German trickery disclosed simultaneously in Washington and Buenos Ayres last night by publication of another series of telegrams between the notorious Count Luxburg, of "Spurlos Versenkt" fame, and the Berlin Foreign Office.

Luxburg, former German charge in Buenos Ayres, in a message dated August 1 last, informed his Foreign Office that President Irigoyen of Argentina had at last made up his mind to negotiate a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for protection against North America.

Another telegram intimated an attempt was made to include Peru and the plan was to be perfected, according to Luxburg's communication of August 1, "before the conference idea is taken up again."

The "conference idea" is assumed to be the proposed Latin-American neutrality conference advocated by President Carranza and widely discussed in South America. The secret agreement referred to may explain recent South American reports of President Irigoyen's proposals for a league of South American nations.

WILL TRY FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

Jean Navarre, Famous French Aviator, Preparing to Make Experiment Next Summer

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—A Mail and Empire cable from London says:

"The Daily Sketch, of Paris, says that Jean Navarre, the famous French airman, now out of the army, is busy perfecting plans for a flight across the Atlantic.

"L'Echo des Sports will make the announcement that Navarre will most probably set out to conquer the ocean next Summer.

"All the preliminary arrangements for the flight have been completed. Navarre will use one of the machines which the American expert, Glenn Curtiss, has been working on for some time. Navarre says he will succeed or lose his life in the attempt."

Cold Storage Error

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—In the regular monthly statement of quantities of food held in cold storage as of December 1, 1917, an error occurred with regard to the quantity of butter stored in Montreal. Instead of 2,312,329 pounds this should read 4,292,381 pounds. This makes the total quantity of butter in cold storage in Canada for December 1st, 15,414,154 pounds.

BOLSHEVIKI PUBLISH ANOTHER DOCUMENT

It Purports to Show an Agreement Between U. S. and Japan Regarding China

LONDON, Dec. 21.—One of the secret diplomatic documents published by the Bolsheviki, as reported in a Petrograd dispatch to The Manchester Guardian, is a message from M. Krupensky, Russian ambassador at Tokio, concerning the conclusion of the Japanese-American agreement in regard to China. The ambassador said he asked a Japanese official whether it was not possible that there would be a misunderstanding over the "special interests" of Japan in China. The official replied, according to the dispatch, that he considered this a possibility, but believed Japan had better means of insisting on her interpretation than had America.

TELEPHONE FIGURES SHOW DEVELOPMENT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.—During the past eleven months there has been appreciable gain in the telephone installations of the B. C. Telephone Co. on its provincial lines. The total of 42,346 which existed at the beginning of the year was gradually increased, until at the end of November it had risen to 46,382, or a gain of 2,036 connections in this period. As compared with January 1, 1916, the gain is 5,682.

Telephone connections compiled at the end of November show that while most of the stations have registered increases in services only four offices have gone down in the number of telephones in use since the beginning of the year. These are Sandon, Rossland, Phoenix and Keating. The two latter have lost but one installation each. The greatest increase is shown in Vancouver, where the gain is 2,170 telephones; Victoria, 197; New Westminster, 64, and North Vancouver, 89.

NATIONALIST ON LATE ELECTION

Mr. Bourassa Draws Conclusions Favorable to His Party From an Analysis of the Results of the Voting.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Announcing that he belongs neither to the party of the victors nor to that of the vanquished, Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist chief, has analyzed the results of the general election in Le Devoir.

Mr. Bourassa claims that the victory of the government is real and significant and would have been secured without the audacious acts preceding the election. The results, he says, prove that the majority in English Canada want to keep the Unionist Cabinet in power, and approve, on the whole, of its war policy. It is going a long way, however, to claim that Monday's vote was equivalent to a formal approval by referendum of conscription or that the people wish to carry on the war without let-up or limit. In announcing that the sons of farmers will be exempted from military service and that the second class of conscripts will not be called up, the government assured for itself the support of a large number of anti-conscriptionists.

"The various groups and provinces in the country voted against Unionism in direct ratio to the strength of their resistance to the imperialist tendency," continues Mr. Bourassa.

"The government has rallied all Canadian-born or Canadians by adoption who were blinded by the prospects of grandeur and imperial solidarity. The French-Canadians resisted en masse because they are en masse and by instinct Nationalist. At the moment two currents of opinion are exercising their influence on the government and its triumphant majority. The most turbulent element of the Unionist party wants to drive the government to a measure of reprisals against Quebec. We like to believe that the more solid heads of the cabinet, Messrs. Borden and Doherty, will not allow themselves to be carried along by the hotheads of their party."

"As for the Liberals," concludes Mr. Bourassa, "one can only hope that they will have a clear vision in the situation and will not fall into their past errors. All the concessions they have made to imperialism, militarism and jingoism have done them no good. They are classed as Nationalists. Their newspapers appear to cherish a hope of reconciliation with the Unionists. That is an illusion. The Liberals who sincerely abandoned their party will remain true to the coalition as long as the reason for their change lasts. After the war parties will be broken up again. The alignment of political forces will be on two principal questions—the settlement of our accounts with England and the readjustment of our own economic equilibrium. To the first belongs closely the problem of new relations to be established between the various parts of the Empire. It is, then, a struggle with imperialism, and nationalism will come into its own. In the conflict between imperialism and nationalism the place of the French-Canadians is made, no matter what politicians of any party may do or want."

Imperial Oil, Limited

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The incorporation of "Imperial Oil, Limited," with a capital stock of $50,000,000 and headquarters in Montreal, will be announced in tomorrow's Canada Gazette. The new company will take over the business of refining and marketing petroleum now carried on in Canada and Newfoundland by the Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. The powers granted to the company include the right to operate ranches or farms for livestock and to deal in animal and agricultural products. The provisional directors are Walter Teagle, C. O. Stillman, G. W. Meyer, G. H. Smith, oil operators, and Hon. W. J. Hanna.



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Wool Toques at 50c, 65c and 90c
Wool Overalls, with feet, at $1.25 and $1.35
Overalls, without feet, 90c up to $1.35
Wool Jackets at $1.10, $1.50, $1.75, up to $2.75
Wool Shawls, white only, at $1.25 to $7.25
Rattles of various kinds at 15c to 65c
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UNIONISTS

Is it too much to hope that the old party lines in the Dominion have been swept away for ever by the result of the election? The Unionists of the country have won such a victory that it should prove the death blow to "politics" for many years to come. The loyal elements of both great political parties were drawn together in a common cause during a world crisis. If they can bring to bear the same unanimity of thought upon the problems of peace the outlook for the Dominion will be hopeful indeed. There are no radical differences in the principles espoused by those who stood shoulder to shoulder in the hour of Canada's need. There are divergencies of thought, it is true, but none that afford ground for a recrudescence of political enmity. For the duration of the war the Unionists have formed a bond of fellowship. Influences of every character will be brought to bear to disintegrate the new Canadian party. Its opponents will rely on its lack of organisation to insure its downfall, but that is a defect that will be remedied before long. Every effort will be made to promote differences in the ministry, but that any which arise will prove insoluble we have little fear. The harmony that was shown in Monday's vote is the best augury of the success of the new Government.

What we are pleading for is the continuance of the Unionist Party during the years that will follow after the war. The struggle is teaching us many lessons, but none more vital than the need of national harmony in the interests of national prestige. Beyond the tariff question, and that is one upon which the war itself will reform many conceptions, we know of no outstanding policy upon which both Liberal and Conservative followers of the Unionist Government cannot agree. When the period of reconstruction is upon us, all the best efforts of the nation will be required to insure the maintenance of our place in the sun. In speaking before the Canadian Club here last month the Duke of Devonshire strongly urged that the Empire should maintain its war organization and bring its strength to bear upon the issues of peace. We have built up a Union Government as an earnest of our cohesiveness in the war. There is every reason why the cause of Union should be carried into the times of peace.

There should be no reason to regret the disappearance of the term "Conservative" from our political life. We are not very sure that it stands for anything which will bring any special power to bear upon solving the new and strange problems of the future. With last Monday a new Canada came into existence, for our womenfolk have entered upon the task of helping us to fashion our destiny. To them the names of Liberal and Conservative have no compelling appeal. They voted first as Unionists in the gravest issue that ever confronted the people, and as Unionists we would have them remain, as long as that party stands true to the highest principles of our race. There will be a greater future in store for the Dominion if we decide that, as far as lies in our power, we will grapple with the problems of the future in a united way. Whether the name we choose to call ourselves when the war is over is Unionist, or something else, may not matter very much. What is essential is that once having joined hands to accomplish a great purpose we should not dissipate our energies when victory is achieved. The task of peace, whenever it comes, is more difficult than anyone can estimate now, so that there is all the more reason why the bond of fellowship that exists should be made permanent. Unionists is a greater name than either Conservative or Liberal, for hereafter in our national life it will stand as the synonym of patriotism. It will stand, too, as the designation of the party which won a glorious victory for the cause of liberty during the great crisis in the world's history.

HANDS OFF THE ARMY

No act of the Union Government since it took office has commended itself more to the public than the decision to do away with patronage in Federal affairs. Everyone who believes in clean government, who favors the selection for public office by merit, and the expenditure of Federal funds on a strictly business basis, will unhesitatingly support Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues in their determination to introduce purity into public life. Because there has been too much politics in our army we have not done all we should have in the war. It may be a drastic thing to say, but politicians who interfere in military affairs are giving comfort to the enemy. Unfortunately politicians have interfered. They have secured commissions for their friends, diverted orders for supplies to those firms favorable to their cause, and in other ways interfered with military administration to the detriment of the latter. It is not only in Canada this has occurred, but in the Canadian camps in England, where a policy of political favoritism has not been conducive to the best results.

The people of Canada are heartily sick of the terms "patronage" and "political pull." They want them banished forever from our public life. Above everything, at this crisis in the war, they want the politicians to keep their hands off the army. The times are far too serious to permit laymen to say what should, and what should not, be done by military authorities, or who should, and who should not, be appointed to positions of trust either in Canadian military districts or in the camps in England. As far as the front is concerned, we are informed by those who have been there that in the vast majority of instances promotions are won by merit alone. The front has been removed from political influences, and that is one of the reasons our troops have done so well. General Mewburn, the new Minister of Militia, will be successful, or otherwise, according to his ability to perform his duties in the best interests of the country, which means that the organization he controls must be run at a high pitch of efficiency and its activities must be untrammeled by any outside influence.

In war-time the policy of promotion by favoritism will have to be abandoned. No officer or non-commissioned officer of the militia who is fit for service overseas should be permitted to hold what is known in the army as a "cushy job" unless, because of special qualifications, he is assigned to it by his superior officers. We regret to have to say so, but it is undoubtedly true that the exercise of political influence in the past was one of the reasons why more men were not secured by the voluntary system. Stay-at-home officers of the Canadian Militia have not been the best advertisement for the service, even though in some cases they were not themselves to blame. We hope the new broom at Ottawa will sweep clean. The process of reorganization now under way should be carried on without fear or favor. Absolutely no political interference with military affairs should be permitted, either in the matter of appointments or army supplies, in the future.

If our war efforts are to be what the people voted they should be last Monday, every ounce of our manpower should be used to the best advantage and every dollar of the Federal expenditure should be made to count. The services of returned officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, should be utilized whenever possible, so that their experience may be made available to the new recruits and the home administration. All stay-at-home officers in the militia below the rank of major should be given the opportunity, if they have the physical qualifications, to revert in rank and volunteer for overseas, or else, as an alternative, they should go back to civil life, thus, in another way, making their posts available for returned officers who have seen active service, and are still fit for home duty. The main thing is to divorce for all time from army administration the exercise of "political pull." When that is done the main cause of dissatisfaction will be swept away, and there will be better team work in our military efforts.

THE RISING TIDE

The Ukraine, of which we hear so much now-a-days in the dispatches, was a name, meaning "frontier," formerly given to a district of European Russia which now comprises the Governments of Kharhoff, Kieff, Podolia and Poltava. The Ukrainians have made a treaty of alliance with the Don Cossacks, of whom General Kaledin is the Hetman, and also with other branches of the Cossack tribes. The alliance is apparently an offensive one against the Bolsheviki Government at Petrograd. The Cossacks are a very numerous family, and are a factor to be reckoned with in determining Russia's future. According to their present distribution they are distinguished as Cossacks of the Don, of the Asoff, of the Danube, of the Black Sea, of the Caucasus, of the Ural, of Orenburg, of Siberia, of the Chinese frontiers and of Astrakhan. It seems possible they are all united in the present stand of the Don Cossacks, for it must be remembered that General Kaledin, as well as being Hetman of the latter, is also President of the Grand Council of all the Cossack tribes. His opposition to the Government at Petrograd, against whom he has been so far successful, is, therefore, very formidable. He is being assisted by General Kornilioff, who belongs to the Siberian Cossacks.

The main hope of the Bolsheviki lies in the aid which Germany can give them in quelling the uprisings in so many parts of Russia. Germany will only extend military aid at a price, and undoubtedly that price will be the decision as to the character of the future Russian Government. Following the armistice the Leninites are releasing German prisoners held in Russia, although, as far as is known, Germany is not reciprocating. From the trend of events it appears that no such band of traitors was ever successful before in seizing the reins of power in a great country. All the best elements in Russia are beginning to awaken to a realization of how their nation is being betrayed. Civil war, with all its horrors, is spreading throughout the land. Russia presents to the world a spectacle of what rabid Socialists can accomplish when in power. So far they have brought the country face to face with economic and financial ruin. Starvation threatens many of the large towns. Looting and drunkenness are rampant in Petrograd. The Bolsheviki have attempted to dispose of their enemies by wholesale murders and incarcerations, but while they have terrorized Petrograd and Moscow the wave of popular indignation which will presently engulf them is steadily rising throughout the land. Every day brings fresh evidence of their ultimate doom. The alliance between the Ukrainians and Cossacks is a hopeful augury for the future. It is the precursor of further alliances which will carry into one vast camp all law-abiding Russia. When that day comes the Bolsheviki and their Red Guards will be nothing but a hideous memory conjured up to frighten the little Slavs of the future.

There were 38 Labor candidates in the election last Monday, and not one of these was elected. If they had represented the real voice of Labor in the Dominion they would have secured nearly a score of seats. Last Monday's vote showed that Labor is out to win the war. Most of the men who ran in her name were trying to impede the prosecution of the struggle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

On Thursday evening the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment entertained at dinner, at the Dominion Hotel, Lieut.-Col. Angus, Major Woolison, Capt. Grant, Capt. W. Winsby, Lieut. Cavin, Lieut. Molesworth, and Major Monk and Capt. Sargison, who have returned from the front on leave. The president, R. Q. M. S. Clarke, presided over the arrangements and thirty members of the mess were present. Following the toasts the president gave an address, in which he referred to the splendid work of the 39 members who had gone overseas, some of whom had made the supreme sacrifice, while others were still over there upholding the traditions of the regiment. Especial mention was made of the following who have fallen: C. S. M. R. Parker, and Sergt. H. Savage, who was given his commission in the Imperial forces. In concluding, he extended a cordial welcome to the guests of the evening, referring to the unavoidable absence of Major J. C. Harris and Capt. W. B. Shaw. Lieut.-Col. Angus, in replying, spoke of the fine record of the 39 officers and 1,100 men who had gone overseas from the Fifth Regiment, expressing great pleasure in being present at the banquet. Major Monk and Capt. Sargison told of their experiences overseas, relating a number of entertaining stories. The latter described the work of an instructor in the aviation corps, citing many interesting details connected with his experiences in the air. Musical numbers given by Sergt. Willis and Sergt. Llewellyn, accompanied by Sergt. Hawkins, contributed much to the enjoyment of the affair.

Mrs. Fyfe, of Chapman Street, has received word that her husband is at the General Hospital in Epsom, England, slowly recovering from the effects of gas poisoning and wounds received at the front.

The engagement has been announced in London of Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, to Captain Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet. The groom-elect was recently decorated with the Distinguished Service Order.

Miss Crease, president of the Victoria Local Council of Women, and Mrs. Schofield left Thursday afternoon for Vancouver, to attend a meeting of the Provincial Food Conservation Committee to be held there yesterday. Among the subjects to be discussed at this conference will be the flour and wheat situation, increased pork and general production.

The variety entertainment given on Wednesday evening by the "1918 Galeties," in the Somme Theatre, Oak Bay Avenue, was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and as a result it is expected that the Halifax Relief Fund will be augmented by a substantial amount. The following appeared in the vaudeville numbers: The Misses Beatrice and Constance Heyland, Gertrude Muir, Agnes, Marjorie and Dorothy Robertson, Kathleen Hudson, Lillian Holden, Gladys and Nina Foulkes, Mona Rickaby, and Doris Bagshawe and Miss Ora Pearson gave several humorous monologues. Mrs. Heyland accompanied the soloists and Mrs. L. T. Davis directed the performance.

The Christmas party given Thursday afternoon in the Oak Bay Hotel by the Oak Bay Red Cross branch proved an unqualified success and the cosy rooms were thronged throughout the afternoon. The musical programme arranged by Mrs. R. W. Hannington was greatly enjoyed, the following contributing numbers: Mrs. Joseph Hinton, Mrs. Harry Briggs, Mrs. D. E. Campbell, soloists, while Mrs. Semple played a piano selection and Mrs. Bristol Bennett a very pretty violin number. A quartette, numbering Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Warn, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Bennett, rendered several beautiful Christmas carols, and Miss Pearson contributed a reading that was greatly appreciated. Afternoon tea was served in the large dining-room, the arrangements being in charge of Mrs. J. S. Floyd and Miss Burke, of the hotel management, assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames Watson, Curtis, Gowen, Woollaston, Niven and the Misses Crowther, Nora, Ruth and Tinker Jones, Katherine Neame, Biddle and Eva Floyd and Vera Casey. Mrs. W. H. Bullock-Webster, convener, welcomed the guests on arrival, and Mr. J. A. Virtue, manager of the hotel, with Messrs. P. F. Curtis and P. Goepel, of the committee, assisted in various ways to make the affair a success. An interesting feature of the entertainment was the drawing for the New Year's raffle, for which 1,000 tickets had been sold. The following won the fourteen prizes given: Colpert teapot, Mr. J. A. Virtue, No. 723; pair of vases, Mr. P. F. Curtis, No. 463; woman's white lace dress, No. 578, Wing Lee, Herald Street; thermos bottle, No. 118, Mrs. Oates; painting, Mrs. Allison, No. 104; cricket bat, Mrs. Tilton, No. 379; coffee percolator, Mrs. E. M. Mason, No. 673; silver bonbon dishes, Mr. H. B. Young, No. 586; silver egg set, Mr. P. F. Curtis, No. 472; electric plate, Mrs. Thomas Sampson Street, No. 156; Highland doll, Miss M. C. Gibson, Esquimalt, No. 576; carvers, Hugh Buck, No. 882; books, Louis Hyndman, No. 640; centrepiece, Miss Lee, Allen Mansions, No. 498. Mrs. Myers conducted the raffle and Master Hugh Beck drew for it. Chummie Gilmer was a very generous Santa Claus, distributing wonderful gifts from the large Christmas tree. Mrs. W. Earp conducted a fortune-telling booth and in the same corner Mrs. S. Doe, Mrs. A. T. Goward and Mrs. P. S. Lampman sold dolls and fancy novelties, while nearby Mrs. R. W. Crompton and Miss Sallie Watson presided over a candy stall. Mrs. G. Powell and Mrs. P. C. Abell had charge of the home-cooking table. Mr. Virtue auctioned a sack of potatoes, which brought in $2.50.

A number of the members of the Great War Veterans' Association and the Women's Auxiliary spent a very pleasant time on Thursday evening at the card party given by the auxiliary for the benefit of the association's funds. The affair was held in the club rooms on Fort Street. During the evening a cushion, donated by Mrs. Snelling, was drawn for and won by ticket No. 130.

Mrs. George Simpson is arranging special dances to be held on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, in the Hippodrome Hall. An especially attractive programme is being planned and a tempting menu for the buffet supper has also been prepared for the affair, which promises to be very enjoyable.

Miss Mary Edna Lehman, daughter of Mr. S. S. Lehman, of 1485 Richardson Street, was married on Thursday evening to Mr. Walter Henry Godson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Godson, of 977 Humboldt Street. The marriage was celebrated quietly at Christ Church Cathedral, only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends witnessing the ceremony, which was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Quainton. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a travelling costume of Russian green velour, with a smart little toque, and red fox furs. She was attended by her sister, Miss Melba Lehman, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Cyril Godson, brother of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony the wedding party and guests attended a breakfast at the Empress Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Godson left on the midnight boat for Vancouver and other cities on the Coast. On their return they will make their home in Vancouver. The groom has been for a number of years an employee in the service of the C. P. R. Coast Service.

Physician Commits Suicide

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 21.—Dr. Shacknove, a well known Jewish physician, was found dead in his office, Whitney Pier, having committed suicide by hanging. Dr. Shacknove had been in a despondent mood since the Halifax disaster. He was one of the persons who went to the stricken city to aid in the relief work, and since his return to the Whitney Pier had talked incessantly of the dreadful scenes witnessed by him.

ENACT FAIRY-TALE

Little Folk of Uppingham House School Present "The Princess and the Swineherd" to Parents and Friends

Not only in story-books do fairy-tales happen. At Uppingham House School, Oak Bay Avenue, "The Princess and the Swineherd," yesterday enacted a charming little incident, which for realism and prettiness could hardly have been surpassed in the most elaborately illustrated publication. The play was given in connection with the school closing, which was attended by a great many of the parents and friends of the little folk, and the youthful actors and Miss Rigby, their instructress, won very hearty congratulations at the conclusion of the act.

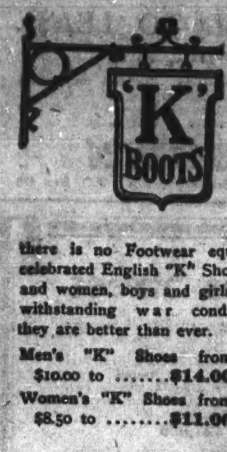
A magic bowl, much desired by a Princess (Valerie Ballantyne) was the possession of a prince who posed as a swineherd (Geoffrey Phillips). Only through this desirable thing could the prince gain the ear of the self-willed princess who had refused to listen to her father's command that she give her hand in marriage to this suitor. Jackie Southwell, with a patriarchal beard and a crown that would not sit quite straight, was the Emperor, and very cleverly did he speak his lines. With correctly imperious and rebellious spirit did Valerie Ballantyne speak her lines as Princess, too, while Geoffrey Phillips very clearly drew the distinction between the humble suitor and the no longer suppliant swineherd. The four maids of honor, Rosemary Nasmith, Nora Fahey, Kathleen Williams, and Gladys Brown, were attractive little personalities.

Tea by Candlelight

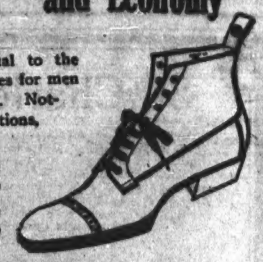
The entertainment took place in the late afternoon, after all the children of the school (about thirty in number) had had their tea. This was a very pretty affair in itself, the smaller tots sitting at a long and very low table, the bigger ones at one slightly higher. Colored candles provided the light, and the "spread" was greatly appreciated by the children who partook thereof, and by the grown-ups who had the privilege of waiting on the happy barns.

The last episodes of the programme were a dance, "The Wandrel" and "Hansel and Gretel," in which fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls, took part. This was very pretty, and was sung and danced with utter absence of affectation or self-consciousness. Mrs. Shaw's French class sang two songs, "Frere Jacques" and "Sur le Pont d'Avignon," their pretty pronunciation and earnest, bright faces making both very attractive.

After the little entertainment, suppressed excitement was released, and all the children streamed into the room where Santa Claus was to take the Christmas presents off the gorgeously-decked tree. This was the concluding episode in the happy day.



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That no discrimination whatever is made with regard to any employment or any individual, unless in the case of men engaged on work of national importance, is the statement made by Major W. H. Belson, district representative under the Military Service Act, in reply to a charge made that military representatives were supposed to appeal all cases of Post Office clerks placed in Class 2 but had not done so. Post Office clerks, Major Belson pointed out, are on the same footing as any other person in Class 1. The query arose through the case of a mail-sorter tried before the Vancouver Appeal Court recently. The military representative appealed to have the man taken out of Class 2. He was successful, and until February 1 was given the Post Office Department to train another man to take the mail-sorter's place.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 22, 1867)

Assault and Robbery.—Two men named Thomas Moore, alias "Skinback," and John Walker, are in custody upon a charge of having, in company of another man not under arrest, assaulted an aged Songish Indian and robbed him of $40. In the cabin of the men who are in custody was found a marine belt and a slungshot. The prisoners stand remanded for three days.

From the West Coast.—The schooner Alpha, from the west coast of the Island, arrived on Wednesday with a small lot of lumber from Sproat & Co.'s mills, and reports much snow falling. The schooner Surprise was seen a few days ago prosecuting her trade with the Indians.

The lines of railroad now in operation in England measure 12,289 miles in length. In one year the passenger and freight trains on these roads travel as great a distance as from the earth to the sun and halfway back.

A Difference.—On the sunny side of Yates Street yesterday, the thermometer scored to nearly summer heat, while on the shady side of the thoroughfare it was down to "freezing," reminding one quite forcibly of the usual temperature of New Westminster.

Can Desperate Germany Break Through?

Germany's professed contempt for America's war preparations is somewhat belied by evidences of her desperate determination to win before our soldiers arrive in force. Thus dispatches tell of westward-moving German troop-trains congesting the roads to Flanders, of Austrian forces shifted to the French front, and of a growing intensity of Teutonic artillery-fire along the whole Western line. Advices that leak out from Germany all indicate that the Kaiser's only hope of victory lies in delivering a "knock-out" blow, before American forces can get into the field.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 22d, one of the leading articles deals with the possibilities in the German drive on the Western front, and how it may affect the Allies' chances of victory. Other features are:

Turning the Light on Our War Activities

Editorial Opinion Upon The Charges Before Congress of a Lack of Efficiency in Our War Administration

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German Wails Over Submarine Failure
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TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Document Published in Petrograd Purports to Prove Alliance Against Britain and States Affecting China.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—Under the heading, "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Sazonoff, then Russian foreign minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister. The treaty stipulates "that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except the contracting parties." It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912. Article 1 is given as follows:

"The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side demand the defence of China from political domination by any third power whatsoever cherishing hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan, and therefore undertake, whenever circumstances necessitate, to enter into open relations based on full confidence, in order cojointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

Other articles are published as follows:

"Article II.—In the event that, as a consequence of any measures undertaken by mutual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of the preceding article, any third power, as foreseen by Article I., should declare war against Russia or Japan, the other contracting party shall, on the first demand of its ally, come to its aid. Each contracting party binds itself not to make peace with the common enemy without obtaining the agreement of its ally.

"Article III.—The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance and the means by which such assistance shall be expressed shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties.

"Article IV.—It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with Article II. to give its ally armed assistance unless it receives guarantees from its allies to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessitated, by the seriousness of the possible conflict."

American View Of It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—American officials said today they had no knowledge of the so-called secret treaty between Russia and Japan, contained in the Petrograd dispatch, but they considered that to describe as contemplating "joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East" was not borne out by the text of the published articles.

There is a possibility that the treaty referred to is the special convention concluded between Russia and Japan at about the same time as the so-called secret treaty. It was generally assumed here that the treaty contained some secret provisions, but its purpose was described as being to safeguard the rights of Japan and Russia in the Far East, to reconcile all outstanding issues between them, and generally to follow the lines of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

At the time it was supposed that the secret articles provided for the sale by Russia to Japan of all of the Manchurian Railways south of Harbin, the transfer to Japan of navigation rights in the Sugari River and the extension of fishing rights off the coast of Siberia.

It is improbable that the United States government alone will make any effort to secure an explanation of the meaning and purpose of these secret articles from the principals, but it is rather expected that one or the other of them voluntarily will come forward with a statement in that line. Careful reading of the four published articles inclined officials to the opinion that the general purpose of the convention is somewhat in line with the existing British-Japanese Treaty touching Far Eastern interests and that it was designed to protect China from exploitation by any third power and was not expressly directed against America or Great Britain.

CHAMBER TO DECIDE CASE OF M. CAILLAUX

Special Session Today to Hear Report From Committee on Examination of Immunity

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The chamber of Deputies will hold a special session on Saturday to discuss Deputy Paisant's report on the decision of the committee of eleven to suspend the immunity of Former Premier Caillaux and Deputy Loustalot. It is understood that M. Caillaux is preparing a three-hour speech in which he will expound and defend his entire policy before and during the war.

M. Paisant's report concludes with the following words:

"From the foregoing facts there are sufficiently grave presumptions against Deputy Caillaux as a result of his having during the war worked for the destruction of our alliances, thus aiding the enemy's progress, which is a crime under Articles 76 to 79 of the penal code."

The report of Deputy Paisant, in the name of the committee, as published last night points out that the committee of 11 was not empowered to investigate whether Deputies Caillaux and Loustalot were guilty of the charges brought against them, or what jurisdiction was applicable to them, but merely if the facts alleged were sufficiently grave to necessitate the opening of legal proceedings. In deciding to authorizing the investigation demanded by the government the committee says it intends in no way to prejudice the question of culpability.

Former Premier Caillaux is quoted by the representative as protesting against the accusations as untrue and affirming his patriotism, as shown by speeches at Mammers.

DOMINION LOANS TO COME FIRST

Order-in-Council Prohibits Flotation of Others, Public or Private, Without Approval of Minister of Finance.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—An important order-in-council has been passed under the authority of the War Measures Act, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, by which new issues in Canada of bonds, debentures or other securities of any provincial, colonial or foreign government, municipality, commission, local government institution, corporation or incorporated company can only be made or sold with the approval of the Minister of Finance by his certificate in writing. The regulation also applies to any new issues or offering of shares, whether preferred or common, of any incorporated company.

It is expressly provided that nothing in the order-in-council shall affect the trading in any way in bonds, debentures, securities or shares of capital stock heretofore issued and placed upon the market.

In other words, the order applies only to issues made from this time forward. Provision is made whereby any issue or sale in contravention of the prohibition of the order may be restrained, and heavy penalties are provided for violation of the regulation.

The object of the order is to conserve the Canadian financial market for the war issues of the Dominion Government and to prevent issues being made for purchases which may well be deferred until the end of the war. Issues which are absolutely necessary may be made with the consent of the Minister of Finance, who probably will have a committee or a priority board to advise him as to the necessity for new issues and the time when they should be made.

The regulation is similar to that which has been long in force in Great Britain for the same object of conserving the financial resources of the country for war purposes and preventing waste in public expenditures upon works and undertakings not absolutely needed at this time. Owing to the need of establishing credits for the Imperial Government in order that Canada's manufactured and agricultural products may find a market, the financial opinion of the country is that there must be regulation and control of all new issues of securities so that the war loans of the Dominion may have full benefit of the Canadian market.

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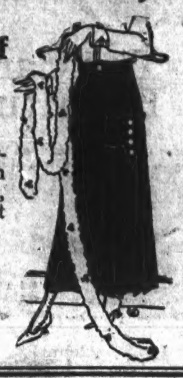
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Franz Rintelen Is Arraigned and Alleged Coadjutors Arrested on Charge of Attacks on Allies' Vessels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—With the arraignment of Franz Rintelen, German agent and a former banker of Berlin, in the Federal Court today, it was disclosed that a Federal grand jury indicted him a month ago on a charge of placing a bomb on the British steamship Kirkoswald at this port before the United States entered the war. He pleaded not guilty today, and trial was set for January 7.

Rintelen already is serving prison sentences, resulting, first, from his continual attempting to foment munition factory strikes through the agency of the labor national peace council, and, second, from his plea of guilty of trying to obtain a foreign passport under the guise of an American citizen. The sentences aggregate two years. With Rintelen were indicted Carl Schmidt and Charles von Kleist, the disposition of whose cases today was the same as that of Rintelen. It is alleged that the three defendants placed a "metal bomb filled with chemicals" in the hold of the Kirkoswald. When the vessel was unloaded at a French port the bomb was found intact, according to the indictment.

Another enemy alien alleged to have been implicated in incendiary bomb plots to destroy sugar and munitions steamships and start waterfront fires was arrested by Federal agents here today. The prisoner describes himself as Charles Ilg, 53 years old, and said his home was in Richmond Hill. He is believed to have been an associate of Franz von Rintelen, one of the most notorious German agents in the United States, who was indicted today for placing an incendiary bomb on a British steamship.

According to the Federal authorities, Ilg was an agent of Carl Schmidt, a lawyer, who was convicted of fraud and practising law illegally in this country, now reported to be either in Germany or Mexico. It is alleged that in 1915, Ilg advertised in Brooklyn papers offering German reservists work, and, after careful investigation as to their devotion to Germany, sent them to the office of Schimmel, where they were supplied with bombs.

With the arrest last October of three men charged with conspiracy to destroy ships in the port of New York and en route to Allied countries, members of the bomb squad said their investigations of the gang's operations revealed that a meeting was held in Schimmel's office in March, 1915, attended by von Rintelen, Otto Wolpert and others, at which $10,000 was subscribed to pay men to place bombs on Allied steamships. Fire Department records show that Schimmel was refused a permit at that time to keep explosives in his home in the Bronx.

French Cabinet Representation

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—According to The Morning Citizen, French representation in the Cabinet when provided for will include two Unionists and two Liberals, the appointments not to be made, however, until after the soldiers' votes have been counted and the final result of the election known. The Citizen quotes Hon. A. K. Maclean, who arrived from Halifax, as stating that the final result in that Province would be 12 to 4 in favor of the Government.

To Overcome Submarines

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—A Mail and Empire cable from London says: "There is high authority for the statement that a scheme of warfare against U-boats shortly will be in operation, insuring their destruction at a more rapid pace than Germany's possible maximum output. This scheme does not seemingly indicate any new discovery, but rather a combination of devices, some already in use, with increasingly destructive results, which will be perfected and completed shortly."

Australian Wool Cargo

BOSTON, Dec. 21. — A cargo of Australian wool, valued at $7,000,000, has reached this port. It is the first lot to be released by the British Government since last Spring.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Prime Minister has received the following cablegram of congratulations from Hon. W. F. Massey, Premier of New Zealand:

"Wellington, Dec. 20, 1917.

"Prime Minister, Ottawa: I regard result your election as a triumph for the Imperial cause and proof that Canadians are determined to do their full duty in defending the Empire and bringing this great fight for freedom to a successful and satisfactory conclusion. I congratulate senior Dominion most heartily.

"MASSEY."

Land for Soldiers

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—The Government is receiving a number of inquiries indicating a desire on the part of returned soldiers to take advantage of the legislation passed last session to assist soldiers in settling upon the land and to increase agricultural production. The legislation provided for the appointment of the soldiers' settlement board, consisting of three members, and the lending of money to soldier-settlers to an amount not exceeding $2,500. It was expected by the Government that the appointment of the board would have been made before this, but action was delayed by the general election. The matter will receive early attention, and the board likely will be named early in the new year.

Calgary Short of Coal

CALGARY, Dec. 21.—The coal situation in Calgary has assumed a most serious aspect, with the local dealers refusing all orders for domestic coal of a quality such as is turned out by the large producing mines of the Crow's Nest country and other fields in Alberta. The dealers blame the railways for this condition, and have particular reference to the Canadian Northern, saying that the traffic on the latter road is so disorganized that they can no longer depend upon it for the movement of the coal necessary to supply the consumers' wants. The strike in the Lethbridge mines of the Canadian Pacific Railway also had its effect upon the general situation.

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Total for Canada in November Placed at $2,145,240, as Against $1,074,398 Last Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The total catch of sea fish in the whole of Canada during the month of November realized a value of $2,145,240 at the point of landing, according to a statement issued by the Department of the Naval Service today.

In November last year the total catch was valued at $1,074,398. The great increase in value of the catch is largely accounted for by the fact that prices paid to fishermen this year are much higher than they were last. A comparison of the prices paid for two staple fishes, cod and haddock, now and in November of 1913, shows an increase of 85 per cent for cod and 114 per cent for haddock.

On the Atlantic coast fishing was carried on during November under rather unfavorable weather conditions, and as a consequence the quantity landed was barely equal to that of a year ago. The total catch of cod, haddock, hake and pollock in Eastern Canada during November amounted to 100,564 hundredweight, which is 400 hundredweight less than in November, 1916.

On the Pacific coast weather conditions generally were not very favorable. Fall salmon fishing during November reached a catch of 148,404 hundredweight, against 98,073 hundredweight for the same period last year; while the herring catch for the month amounted to 80,247 hundredweight, as compared with 71,874 hundredweight.

The total value of fish landed in British Columbia during November was $1,599,031, against $586,809 during the same month last year.

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Ultimatum to Miners

LETHBRIDGE, Dec. 21.—The miners' strike here is expected to be settled tomorrow or Monday. The miners will not get what they demanded. On the contrary, they have been practically told that they must go back to work or drastic steps will be taken. The miners, it is understood, agreed to return to work without further trouble.

Opera Singer Married

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 21.—Alice Nielsen, one of the most celebrated of American operatic singers, and Dr. Leroy R. Stoddard, a prominent physician of New York, were married today in the First Presbyterian church.

For Starving Finlanders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Permission for the shipment of about forty thousand tons of corn and oats to Finland by way of Sweden has been granted by the food administration and the war trade board upon evidence that thousands of the Finnish people are starving. An agent of the war trade board will be sent into Finland from Sweden to investigate conditions and make certain that Germany will not benefit by the American shipments.

SEPARATION TALK IN QUEBEC ASSEMBLY

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—The willingness of Quebec to retire from the Confederation of Canadian provinces is expressed in a motion introduced in the Legislative Assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, member for Lotbiniere.

The motion will be debated on Jan. 8.

"That this House is of the opinion that the province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federation act of 1867, if, in the opinion of the other provinces, the said province is an obstacle to the union and progress and development of Canada."

AUSTRALIA VOTING AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

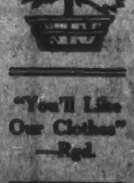
But There Is a Possibility of the Soldiers' Vote Carrying the Measure

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—A special cable from Sydney, N. S. W., to The Vancouver World this afternoon says: "While Premier Hughes and his ministers have not publicly abandoned hope that conscription may carry, they are no longer hopeful that the big "no" majority can be turned into a conscription majority, for, with the count still incomplete, the antis have a lead of 160,000 votes. It is roughly estimated that more than 500,000 soldiers and absent civilian ballots have still to be counted, and the more optimistic among the ministers expect this to turn the scale in favor of national service, though they dubiously admit that, while the soldier vote is certain to be for conscription, the civilian vote is by no means to be depended on."

Investigators Mobbed

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Special officers have been sent to Verner and Sturgeon Falls by the Attorney-General to look into the story that mobs had attacked the scrutineers on Monday on their way home from the polls and that some were badly beaten. The authorities at Sturgeon Falls wired the Ministers of Militia for help. The matter was turned over to the Provincial authorities.

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WINNIPEG, Dec. 21. — Mothers, wives, and widows of Winnipeg's gallant fighting men received in their mail this morning an expression of goodwill, gratitude and admiration from the mayor of Winnipeg on behalf of all its citizens, together with a cheque ranging in value from $5 to $15, according to the size of each family, with which to buy Christmas cheer. The "Christmas cheer" fund in Winnipeg was oversubscribed. Fifty thousand dollars was asked for.

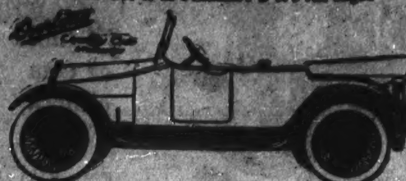
Charged With Murder

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—S. L. Graham, Northern Pacific switchman, today was formally charged with murdering William Applesteele, a watchman who was shot and killed by thieves whom he discovered robbing a car of liquor in the railroad transfer sheds at Auburn Wednesday night.

Suspected Incendiarism

REGINA, Dec. 21.—Sweeping investigation will be held by A. H. Fisher, fire insurance commissioner, into the cause of the fire which destroyed the Wintge Fair building, used as a barracks by the depot battalion here. The inquiry will open tomorrow.

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THE CITY AND DISTRICT IN BRIEF

Sends $100 to Halifax—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association yesterday forwarded a cheque for $100 to Halifax to be used in providing comforts for the children of that city.

Minister on Mainland—Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, left for the Mainland on Thursday night on departmental business. He will be back in the city this morning.

Motor Car Ablaze — Back-firing started a blaze in the motor car owned by Mr. G. H. Dawson, 1737 Rockland Avenue, yesterday at noon, outside the Stobart-Pease Block, Yates Street, and the attention of the fire department was required before the blaze was put out.

Motor Thieves Busy—Motor thieves are becoming active again according to the reports reaching the police. On Thursday night two motors were stolen from downtown points, but were recovered some hours later at points at which they had been left by the thieves. Neither car was damaged.

No Change Contemplated — Denial of the suggestion contained in Mainland papers that the Government contemplated entering into a compromise with those moving picture proprietors who of late have been strenuously objecting to the method by which the amusement tax is being collected, was made by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, yesterday. He stated that the Government is continuing to enforce the tax as hitherto, and no change is contemplated.

Special Meeting of Vets.—A special meeting of the members of the Great War Veterans' Association has been called at the association rooms tonight. As a result of the resignation of Mr. Douglas Campbell as secretary of Returned Soldier Employment Bureau, it is incumbent upon the association to submit another name for the post. This is in harmony with the agreement with the Provincial Government at the time Mr. Campbell was appointed.

Are Anticipating Convention—The Victoria Rotary Club has been invited to have its delegation to the Pacific Northwest Conference of Rotary Clubs, which will be held at Spokane next February, join those from the Tacoma, Seattle, Everett and Bellingham clubs in a special train leaving Seattle Wednesday night previous to the convention day. The committee of the local club having details of the participation in the conference, in hand, has deferred definite action in respect to plans for the trip until the beginning of the new year.

Halifax Relief Raffles Drawn For—The drawing for the various raffles in connection with the gift shop conducted by Mrs. Pemberton's working party, in aid of the Halifax Relief Funds, took place last evening in the Belmont Block. The following were the winning numbers: The Persian kitten, No. 295, Miss Williams, Rockland Avenue; canary, No. 251, Mrs. J. Wilson, St. Charles Street; turkey, No. 443, Mrs. H. C. Holt. The raffle of the collection of jewelry for the benefit of the Prisoners of War Fund also took place last evening, the winning numbers in this being: Amethysts, No. 1027; bracelet, No. 1377, and pearl star, No. 885.

Police Will Act—The police will enforce the weekly half-holiday regulations today, and proprietors of those stores which are kept open after the statutory closing hour of 1 p.m. will do so at their peril. Mayor Todd, to whom a number of requests have been directed as to whether the law will be enforced, has issued a statement to the effect that as the civil authorities have no discretion instructions have been given to the police to take the names of all proprietors offending against the act. The act prescribes a maximum fine of $50, though the magistrate, in case of a conviction, has discretion as to the amount of fine he may levy up to tha tamount.

Case Dismissed—The case against Mr. K. Metro, proprietor of the Maryland cafe, who was charged with having violated the provisions of the order-in-council prohibiting the sale of bacon more than once on any day, was concluded in the police court this morning when Magistrate Jay dismissed the charge, holding that the evidence of the waitress and cook, that it was minced fresh pork and not ham that was used in the preparation of the "Denver" sandwich served to Mr. H. A. Dibble, was sufficient for him. Mr. Dibble was recalled and testified that if it was not ham that was used then he did not know what ham was.

War Tax Stamp Missing—A charge against Mr. Hubert E. Wallis, of the Hillside Pharmacy, was brought in the police court yesterday morning under the provisions of the Special War Revenue Act. It was alleged that a Government inspector was supplied with a bottle of a proprietary medicine to which the required war stamp was not affixed. Mr. Wallis stated that he knew the inspector by sight, and when the latter asked for the article he supposed he wanted it for analysis and did not place a stamp thereon. He had not supposed the transaction would be regarded as an ordinary sale. The case was adjourned until next Thursday.

Re Cadboro Bay School—The Saanich School Board met the residents of the Cadboro Bay district at their school house yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock to discuss the proposed closing of the school sessions. The expense of operation is considered to be out of proportion to the number of pupils at present attending the school. It is understood that the board will undertake to provide transportation of the children to the school of the neighboring district. The residents formed a committee of five to interview such families as were not represented at the meeting before submitting a recommendation to the board in the matter.

Earthquake Shock—An earthquake shock of world-shaking intensity was registered at the Gonzales Heights observatory in this city before noon yesterday. The record was well defined. Mr. F. Napier Denison, superintendent at the Observatory, estimated the point of origin at 1,410 miles distant from this place, either in the region of the Aleutian Islands, to the west of Alaska in the Pacific, or in that of the northern section of Mexico, probably in the former region. The first wave was registered on the seismographs commencing at 10:06 a.m., and the surface wave seven minutes later. The series of pronounced vibrations continued for several minutes, and the pendulum was in movement for a period of more than one and one-half hours. This is the first large sized record to be made at this station for several months, the more recent ones having had their origin in the Southern Pacific.

More Snowfall—A sudden shifting of the wind yesterday afternoon brought Victoria the unaccustomed distinction of having what might be termed a private snowstorm. For a period this vicinity was simultaneously under the influence to two storm areas approaching the coast at the same time. One storm centre was to the north of Prince Rupert and the other off the coast of the State of Washington. The latter induced a severe gale reaching its maximum near the mouth of the Columbia River in a fifty-mile velocity. At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon its influence caused the wind direction here to veer to the northeast for the period of an hour and the consequent cooling of the air precipitated snow in place of the gentle rain which had fallen to the extent of .03 of an inch during the previous five hours. In course of the one hour between 5 and 6 o'clock, one inch of snow fell. Following this the temperature again moderated and the precipitation continued in rain. The cold weather is still intense in the far North, and zero temperatures are the rule throughout the northern section of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

PROUD OF RESULT

Mr. R. F. Green, Unionist Member-Elect for West Kootenay, Back at Home After Successful Campaign

"The result is indicative of the appreciation by Canadians of the great issue before this country and their determination to see this war through to a successful conclusion," said Mr. R. F. Green, Unionist member-elect for the West Kootenay riding, who returned home yesterday after his campaign in his up-country riding.

Mr. Green expressed his pleasure at the outcome of the election, and especially delighted was he with British Columbia's wholehearted support of the Union Government, headed by Sir Robert L. Borden.

"It just shows that Canadians can be relied upon to rise fully to the occasion. This country is in the war to the limit. There has never been, to my mind, the slightest doubt where the vast majority of the red-blooded people, men and women, of the Dominion stood. The election has shown in a remarkable manner that the people of this country insist upon Canada doing everything possible to assist the Empire and the Allies, to the last man and the last dollar. By their decision they have accorded to the Union Government the fullest support in any and all measures having for their aim the winning of the war."

Mr. Green stated that in his own constituency the campaign has been marked by no untoward features, and while the contest was keenly fought, generally speaking the best of feeling prevailed. All day yesterday Mr. Green was kept busy answering scores of congratulatory messages which have reached his office here since election day. He will remain in Victoria over the Christmas season, and probably will not leave until he departs for Ottawa to resume his parliamentary duties.

COST OF LIVING STILL CONTINUES TO RISE

Departmental Report Shows That Nearly Everything Used in Households Has Increased in Price

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—A further increase in the cost of living is shown in the monthly report of the Labor Department for November. During the month the cost of the weekly budget of staple foods was $12.10, as compared with $11.81 in the previous month, and with $9.81 in November, 1916. Potatoes contributed more to the increased cost of living than any other commodity, raising in price in all the Provinces except British Columbia, where a decrease was reported.

Increased prices obtained also for eggs, milk, butter, sugar, and bread, while decreases were recorded in flour and beans.

The prices of meats showed but little difference on the whole from the previous month.

Wholesale prices also showed some advance for the month. The chief increases were in textiles, grains, meats, and miscellaneous foods, while the most important decreases occurred in the price of hides, metals, and implements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Big Benefit Dance for the Halifax Relief Fund, Hippodrome Hall, Saturday, Dec. 22; $1.00 per copple.

The 5th Regiment Band, assisted by a noted vocalist, will give their usual concert next Sunday evening in the Royal Victoria Theatre, commencing at 8:45 p.m.

Levy's Restaurant, one of the oldest established and best known cafes in the city, will move from their present premises, 1423 Douglas Street, to the Vernon Block, Douglas Street, between Yates and View Streets, where the business will be conducted in a first-class manner.



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SYNOPSIS

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TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	35	41
Vancouver	34	[illegible]
Kamloops	16	22
Barkerville	10	18
Prince Rupert	20	25
Atlin	—18	—10
Calgary	8	12
Winnipeg	—6	16
Portland	..	52
San Francisco	46	54
Port Arthur	—8	8
Penticton	27	30
Nelson	26	34
Grand Forks	16	27
Cranbrook	23	30
Toronto	37	40
Ottawa	30	32
Montreal	34	30
St. John	30	34
Halifax	30	36

FRIDAY

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Lowest	35
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OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Franck, wife of Mr. Paul Franck, 885 Cornwall Street, who died Tuesday, took place yesterday morning at 9:30 from the home. An hour later high mass was said at the Church of the Assumption by Rev. Father Rouden. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Holden, S. R. Harrison, W. Dean, H. F. Holden, J. L. Brooks and McIntyre.

To the Electors of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I beg to announce my candidature for election as Alderman at the forthcoming civic election.

I am, yours respectfully,
JNO. HARVEY.
120 St. Andrew's Street.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IS DECIDEDLY BRISK

And Angus Campbell's Patrons Can Find Abundant Suggestions for Gifts at the Well-Known Store.

Giving and getting ready for giving is in the air! Christmas is only four days away. The "Scrooge" people who put on a grim economical look and pulled their purse-strings taut a fortnight ago are beginning to creep forth furtively to do a bit of shopping with the other folk who all along have been going ahead with preparations for the best sort of a day that can be made of it, even if the family income is slender and the boys away at the front fighting to defend the home fires and all they stand for.

It is wonderful to see how the public generally has relaxed since the election. Hardly a business house of importance in the city but has some kind of comment to make on the brighter spirit which prevails. No sooner was the result announced than people poured forth from every quarter of the city and began the serious work of getting the "makings" of the children's Christmas tree and the Christmas dinner. It was like a cordial. Everyone felt better. For had not the country expressed by an overwhelming majority that it intended to send more men to help the army? Would not the war be over all the sooner? It was, in fact, occasion for double rejoicing; Christmas and the first decisive step to victory should be celebrated on one and the same day.

Campbell's Are Ready

Angus Campbell's did not need to wait for the passing of election day to decide that business was better than it was in December last year. For the last six months they have felt the pendulum on the up-swing. Accounts had been coming in much better than for four years past, and the cash sales had been brisker. But even they noticed a distinct bound in business after the 17th, and they are now right in the full tide of Christmas sales.

The big store on Government Street is, as usual at this season, very attractively decorated. Silver and crimson is the color scheme. Little booths are spaced off to right and left, and there is a touch of the bazaar atmosphere, in consequence, where one goes to purchase the little Christmas gifts: gloves, neckwear, handkerchiefs, etc.

The last three years have taught people much about what is indispensable. Each year has seen a greater preference for the giving of "sensible" presents. Umbrellas, silk hose, cashmere hose, blouses, gloves and things of the kind which are practical and useful have taken the place for the most part of the attractively-designed knick-knacks which most people have now come to regard not only as superfluous but useless.

There are choice lines of these things at Campbell's from which to select. The silk and woollen scarf and silk sweater is another popular gift this year. Blouses which are being featured at this popular shopping centre are beaded and embroidered Georgette crepe in all the delicate shades like pastel, maize, pink, ivory and orchid. Lovely lingerie is shown, too: camisoles of the finest embroidered cambric and silk; silk envelope chemises, nightgowns, knickers, etc. The children's and infants' department has been very well patronized this year, and while gifts therefrom may not always be appreciated to the full by the very small wearers-to-be, sometimes they are just as welcome to the mother as something for herself.

While everyone is still busily engaged in the making of soldiers' comforts, the big bag will continue to be a necessity; and while remaining as commodious as ever, it is constantly developing new phases of beauty. The Campbell cretonne novelties section has many examples of lovely knitting and work-bags and baskets. There are also beautiful cretonne cushions, both round and square, and "runners" for dressing-tables. Handbags and purses in smart leather are among the other attractive necessities which are to be had at the store.

Doubtless the majority of men, as is their wont, will leave their gift-buying until the very last day or two before Christmas. For those who want to be sure of getting the right thing there is just this suggestion: leave it to the lady. Buy a glove-scrip. These magic bits of paper are redeemable at any time in any department of the store, and the one who holds it can select the thing which she needs and wants the most without in any way losing sight of the giver's generosity and thoughtfulness.

Stores Keeping Open.

The old-time Christmas atmosphere is to be revived this year by agreement among most of the city stores, which will remain open every evening (including tonight) until 9:30 right up to Christmas Eve. Campbell's will be closed all day on Wednesday as well as on Christmas Day. This will give everyone an opportunity to make belated purchases. Incidentally, it is an opportunity for unpremeditated meetings and exchange of Christmas greetings between friends on the very eve of the day to which the whole world looks forward with such anticipation.

All Appeals Allotted

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—R. S. Lennie, Provincial Registrar, states that on account of the loyal and earnest support given him by the staff at headquarters he is now able to announce that all appeals have been allotted, and he expects to have the whole matter of the first call completed by February in all parts of the Province. Then he will be ready for any new development. He also stated that the work of the main office was so near completion that he felt he would be able to begin to reduce the staff by the end of this month.

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ALLEGED HOLD-UP MAN ARRESTED IN VICTORIA

Hartley Marshall, Returned Soldier, Wanted for Crime Committed in South Vancouver, Is Taken by Police.

Hartley Marshall, a returned soldier, was arrested here yesterday morning by Detective-Sergt. O'Leary and Detective Murray on a warrant charging him with having been a principal in the hold-up and robbery of Murray May, an elderly resident of the South Vancouver district, on the night of December 12, while the two with a motor driver were taking a motor ride around the Marine Drive in that municipality.

Marshall was taken over to the Mainland on the afternoon boat under charge of Detective Winters, of the South Vancouver police force.

It is alleged that on the drive Marshall, who was seated alongside May, called attention to the scenery, and when the old man looked out he was slugged and knocked unconscious. When he recovered consciousness he was lying alongside the roadway, where he had lain from about midnight until 6 a.m. After wandering some distance he encountered the street railway and boarded a car, but when he came to pay his fare he was without a cent. When in the motor car he had $480 in his possession.

The driver of the car was subsequently arrested by the South Vancouver police, and admitted that on the night in question he, with a returned soldier, had been out driving with May. But he professed not to know the name of the returned man. Afterwards it was ascertained that the driver and Marshall were friends. But in the meantime the latter had disappeared. He was traced to Victoria, where he has been staying, a guest at the Metropolis Hotel, for some days. The Victoria police were notified, and Marshall's arrest followed yesterday morning.

USE PART OF FUND TO GIVE AID TO HALIFAX

Women's Auxiliary to G.W.V.A. Gives Greater Part of Entertainment Fund to Children of Wrecked City.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans Association and their children send greetings to the children of Halifax and are wiring today to the Bank of Commerce $100 dollars for Christmas cheer being portion of fund subscribed by Victoria citizens originally intended for Christmas entertainment here."

The above telegram was sent to the relief committee at Halifax on Thursday night this action having been decided on at the general meeting of the Auxiliary which had taken place on the previous evening when it was the general opinion of the members that the need of the children of Halifax took precedence over the amusement of their own children.

The arrangements for a party and entertainment will still be proceeded with, but the local celebration will be on a much smaller scale than at first intended. January 5 has been selected as the day, and from 4 to 8 o'clock the Veterans' rooms will be given over to the children of members of the auxiliary.

It is hoped that all those who have made donations for the entertainment will approve of the use to which the greater portion of the fund has been put, but should any of the donors object, the Auxiliary is prepared to refund such contributions.

MAY SEND BOXES FOR PRISONERS

Must Buy Coupons Issued by Prisoners of War Department in London, England

In the new "officers' parcel scheme," a copy which has just been received in the city, the following sentence occurs: "The Canadian Red Cross is the care committee for all officer prisoners in Canadian contingents, even if attached to British units. In the case of officers whose homes are in Canada, but who belong to the Imperial forces, the Canadian Red Cross will, if requested to do so by the next-of-kin, most gladly undertake the ordering of the parcels. They would have to obtain a permit to do so from the Central Prisoners of War Committee."

After December no parcels containing food stuffs addressed to any officer prisoner of war will be accepted in any post office in Canada unless bearing the regulation coupon. These coupons, one of which has to be applied like a stamp to each parcel, must, for officer in the Canadian contingents, be applied for to the Canadian Red Cross Prisoners of War Department, 14 Cockspur Street, London, S.W.1, and for officers others than those in the Canadian contingents, to the Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Thurloe Place, London, S.W. 7.

CONSERVATIVES OF ALBERNI WILL MEET

Convention Is Called at Port Alberni, for the 28th Inst., to Select Candidate to Contest Riding at By-Election.

In anticipation of the early announcement of the by-election dates on which the vacancies now existing in the four ridings of Alberni, Newcastle, Vancouver and Similkameen will be filled by contests in each riding, the Conservatives of Alberni will hold a convention on Friday, the 28th inst., at Port Alberni, at which their standard-bearer will be named. The delegates, representative of the various sections of the riding, have already been named, and a full attendance will be had at the convention. For some months past the Conservatives have been preparing for the convention, and, they assert, the party has never been better prepared for a contest.

There will be no lack of material from which to select a representative man for the district, the feeling being strong that the time has arrived when Alberni shall be represented in the Provincial Legislature by a resident of the district. Among likely candidates whose names may go before the convention are Captain Cory Wood, now on active service and a former Conservative member for the district; Major R. J. Burde, also on active service, former mayor of Alberni and one of the most popular residents of the district; Mr. R. W. Wallis, of Nanoose; Mr. Powell Chandler, of Parksville; Mr. Latham, city clerk of Alberni; Mr. R. H. Woods, of Port Alberni; Mayor McIntyre, of that town, and Mr. John Rudd, of Nanoose. In addition there have been some outside names mentioned, including those of Mr. H. B. Thomson and Mr. A. C. Burdick, both of Victoria.

Undoubtedly out of the large list of aspirants the convention will be able to unite upon one who would prove a satisfactory candidate, and be assured of the undivided support of the party followers.

PIG-IN-HOME PLAN URGED BY MINISTER

Council May Reverse Recent Anti-Hog Decision Because of Impending Fat Famine—Would Furnish Seed Grain.

There is still a good chance that Victorians may be permitted to raise a pig in their back yards, although the proposal of Mayor Todd to this effect was turned down by the City Council two weeks ago.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, William E. Scott, has written the Council pointing out the grave shortage in the world's supply of fats.

"In most of the cities of the United States and of the Dominion arrangements are being made to enable people to keep hogs within the limits of cities under proper sanitary conditions," said Mr. Scott. "I would urge upon your city or municipality the advisability of amending any by-laws which you may have whereby the keeping of hogs is prohibited so as to enable those who are in the position to do so to keep them. If this is done by all our cities in Canada the number of hogs will be largely increased, and the appeal of our Empire met to a corresponding degree."

At Thursday's meeting Alderman Johns said it was unfortunate Mr. Scott had not written before the aldermen turned down the Mayor's proposal. The matter was left open for a week to give some patriotic alderman a chance to post a notice of motion to permit pigs to be kept within the municipality.

When this was up Alderman Sargent got the support of the Council in asking the Food Controller to arrange with the railways for the transportation from the prairies to the Coast at cost price of offal from the flour mills so that hogs may be fattened here. The alderman pointed out that there is a great shortage of feed for keeping and fattening hogs here. He said this would benefit especially Saanich.

Deputy Minister Scott also asked the Council whether it would want to takke any well selected seed grain for distribution at cost to farmers on the southern part of the Island. He pointed out the advantage of farmers and others using nothing but the best seed. This need, he explained, the Government is trying to fill, and is asking the city to aid in the distribution. The market and seed committee of the Council which had charge of the distribution of seed potatoes early this year will investigate the possibilities of the distribution of seed grain here.

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SHOPS TO STAY OPEN; CITY TO PROSECUTE

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Despite the Half-Holiday Act and other shops regulations, which according to official announcement will be strictly enforced, Victorians will carry on their last hour rush Christmas shopping just as in the olden days when governing bodies did not consider it part of their duty to set a limit on holiday business initiative.

All shops in the city, large and small, with the exception of some five, have announced that they will be open for business as usual all this afternoon and evening. They will be open all day and evening Monday. Most of them, however, will remain closed all Wednesday, the day after Christmas.

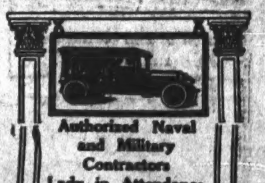
For keeping open Saturday afternoon and evening preceding last Christmas storekeepers of the city were summoned to the police court and fined $10.

Retail merchants last night declared they were prepared to be fined again this year, although the fine may be larger, up to $50, for the second offence. The storekeepers say they believe it their duty as servants of the public, to accommodate shoppers by keeping open until the last hour possible before Christmas. Besides this they say that the closings required by law would mean a serious financial loss to Victoria business to which the merchants at present should not be subjected.

Mayor Todd last night announced that the police have been instructed to take the names of all shops that are open this afternoon and evening and have the proprietors brought before the police magistrate next week. The Mayor explained that the city had no prerogative in the matter, but to enforce the law which he and other officials had sworn to do when they took their oaths of office.

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I have ridden Fritz constantly for more than two years, and he has served me so faithfully, and has been so steadfast and courageous whenever called upon to perform a hazardous feat, that I feel all who have been so kind to us in our work upon the screen will know and understand my motives. I love the old fellow dearly, and cannot, after all his loyalty, subject him further to a chance of injury.

I wish to tell all who like the little Pinto that he will be right with me wherever I go, until the Boss Ranger comes along and summons one or both of us across the Big Divide.

With deepest gratitude from Fritz and myself,

Yours faithfully,

William S. Hart

In Woman's Realm

By MARIA LAWSON

A Use for Silver

For at least a quarter of a century it has been the custom to present brides with a great variety of articles made of silver, which were seldom afterwards used. If the bride's parents were wealthy she did not need the gifts, and if, as often happened, her own circumstances did not permit of a fine establishment the silver was out of place. For these and other reasons many wives have, for sentiment's sake, carefully preserved their wedding presents, though using most of them but seldom.

In the state of Cincinnati, the women have decided that silver ornaments and utensils could be put to a better use than ornamenting the dining room or being hidden away in chests. First someone conceived the idea of gathering up wornout silver thimbles, to the fund became known as the "Thimble Fund." The plan soon spread till it embraced all kinds of valuables made of metal, which were ornamental rather than essential.

The purpose of the fund is to aid the blinded soldiers among the Allies. No wonder tender-hearted girls and loving women were ready to make sacrifices for such a purpose. No greater heroism has been shown than that which in many cases has caused the blindness, and none bear affliction more bravely than those men who are condemned for the rest of their lives "to walk in darkness."

Heaping Up Riches

It is too sadly true that in Canada, as in other countries, the war has brought and is bringing riches to individuals. The Christian Guardian, of Toronto, is determined that it will do what it can to prevent profiteering by appealing to the consciences of its readers. In the following vigorous sentences the editor denounces this evil of our time:

"Nero fiddling while Rome burned was a far less odious figure than the man of today who, while the whole civilized world is threatened with destruction, looks on with internal delight that this great world-conflagration is helping to swell his already swollen fortune. And while our lads are facing the deadly gas, the whistling bullet, and the shrieking shell, and our casualty lists run into the thousands every month, this man, untouched by it all, unctuously rubs his hands and thanks God for the profit which it means to him. If this be patriotism, God save us from it. Better far to come out of the war maimed or blind in body, or with fortune clean spent in the heroic effort to free the world, than to come through it with a whole skin and a fortune greatly increased.

"Stories have come to us again and again of men who have made hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars out of the war, but they have come from men who told them in sorrow and shame that Canadians and Englishmen should sink so low. . . .

"And more than that, even the worldly wisdom which foresees the danger of any struggle between wealth and massed and ballot-holding poverty cannot but deplore the fact that at such a time in the world's history wealth should be found wanting in patriotism. The very existence of great fortunes depends upon social solidarity, and if the rift between the classes and the masses widens sufficiently it is certain to swallow up many privileges which wealth has hitherto held as sacred. If wealth ceases to be patriotic it ceases to have any reason for its existence. If it has a right to exist at all it has a right to exist that it may serve the state, and the right to exist for its own sake will receive scant recognition in these days.

"And there is a feeling abroad in the world that not a little of its wealth is of the predatory type, which lives not to serve the people, but to prey upon them. In this belief lies revolution, and yet anyone familiar with the sentiment of the people knows that the belief is widespread, and the alarming increase in the cost of the necessities of life has intensified it beyond any point ever before reached."

Commenting on the article, The Literary Digest adds this warning:

"The average man has only hazy ideas how to remedy the evils from which he suffers, it is pointed out, but he has very strong convictions that there is a remedy somewhere. For one thing, it should be emphasized that there is growing up an amazing mass of corporate opinion that the public cannot afford to entrust the control of the necessities of life to private management, and the plea that private management is more economical than public management will fail in the presence of undeniable exploitation of the public in times like this." The Guardian concludes:

"The only way to permanent wealth lies in the Christian highway of service, and when private greed forgets the other fellow it signs its own death warrant. The world's resources must be used for the many, not for the few, and the only civilization which can be permanent must recognize this fact. Christianity rests upon brotherhood."

What is to be thought of the women who are content to enjoy the fruits of such ill-gotten gain? There is a call here to wives and daughters as well as to men who, often for their sakes, labor to amass fortunes.

Nursing a Vocation

Half the nurses in the world remain spinsters is a statement made by The Journal of Heredity. Several reasons are given for this, among which are that nurses earn an independence, and that the circumstances under which they meet men do not tend to raise them in their esteem. It is said, too, that the mother instinct is satisfied by caring for the helpless and the suffering.

Until modern times nursing was done by women vowed to celibacy. Sisters of Charity and nuns of other orders ministered to the sick, and do so yet in many countries. The nurses' work whether in or out of the hospital is absorbing and calls for the exercise of her faculties.

On the other hand, it is well known that the nurse who marries makes in most cases a model wife and mother. So far as Canada is concerned, the nation has benefited greatly by the marriage of nurses. They not only look after their own families, but have a sense of public welfare rare among women who have not had their experience. Married or single humanity owes a great debt to its nurses.

The Cinema in Schools

Many people in Victoria will remember the beautiful exhibition of Captain Scott's Antarctic Expedition shown at the Victoria Theatre. It is interesting to learn that Mr. Herbert Poutrey, who owns the pictures, proposes in The Manchester Guardian that the boards of education of city schools should erect a building for the purpose of teaching history, art, literature, natural history and geography through carefully prepared picture shows. That any such enterprise must wait till the close of the war is plain. It does not however seem unreasonable that education would be greatly helped if the children were shown in moving pictures how people live and how the work of the world is done. Their elders have found out to their cost how very little they really know of any country but their own. Very often such knowledge still is confined to their own neighborhood or city.

History would no longer be so useless a study if the pupils felt that those who have made it all through the ages were real people. That the picture show would help to convince them of this, if properly used, experience has shown.

Use Potatoes

The Portland Oregonian advises the housewives of the state to use potatoes. It tells them that the crop of that country is fifty percent larger than it was last year, that Great Britain has a surplus, and is able to supply, in part at least, what France and Italy need in addition to their own production.

Housewives in this Province have grown suspicious of such advice. As soon as there is an increased demand for any food commodity, the price advances beyond the power of purchase. Everyone knows that there are plenty of potatoes in British Columbia, and most consumers believe they ought to be cheap, yet only those who were fortunate and skilful enough to have a good crop of their own growing find it easy to save bread by eating potatoes.

It is surprising to learn that many more potatoes are used in European households than in the United States. Potatoes form one-quarter of the daily ration in Europe, and but a twentieth in American households. In Eastern Canada potatoes are used at least twice a day. They are good food, and it will be too bad if to raise the price they should be kept till they are spoiled.

Women and the Land

A member of the British Parliament who is a practical farmer stated a short time ago that on the three farms he owned a third of the work was being done by women and done well. He and a number of other gentlemen had organized a test for candidates from many different counties. Certificates were given to those who were most successful. The object was to convince farmers that they might safely hire women to work their land. Those who attended were well satisfied.

Land has been offered to returned soldiers. How many Canadian women will be willing to help their husbands if they decide to take up land or will be able to do so if they are willing? The cities of Canada cannot give employment to all the soldiers who come back from the war. The country will not have money to construct public works even if they are needed. Few more railroads will be needed. The mines, the forests and the fisheries will need more men but not all who will want work. The people of the world must be fed, and Canada has millions of acres of vacant land. No farmer's family need go hungry if he and his wife are industrious, and have the wherewithal to begin life. The women of Great Britain have shown that they can learn to cultivate the land as European women have long done. There is no reason why young, strong women in Canada should not be equally successful.

LORD KITCHENER WAS GREATEST OF LEADERS

The "Life of Lord Kitchener," which will be shown in motion pictures at the Variety Theatre all next week, will give the people of Victoria an opportunity to see the inner workings of the great Empire of which we are a part as well as the history of the greatest leader and organizer the Empire has ever known.

The instinct of battle led Kitchener to bear arms against Prussia in the great struggle of 1870, when only twenty years of age, but it was in the Soudan that his military genius first began to assert itself. As a Major in the Royal Engineers his knowledge of Arab life and language brought him under the notice of General Gordon.

The year 1892 found Kitchener a new honor as Sirdar of Egypt, an honor that implied infinite hardship and danger and gave the new ruler a free hand for the exercise of his organizing power. Owing largely to his foresight and tact, the ominous Fashoda incident came to a happy issue.

On returning to England the Sirdar was rewarded by the thanks of Parliament and a grant of £30,000. In addition, he received the Grand Cross of the Bath and the title of Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum and Aspall (his mother's home).

Entering on the Boer War as Chief of staff, Kitchener, by skill, judgment and unparalleled energy, fought his way into the head command, in succession to Lord Roberts.

India was the next sphere of this all-round-the-world soldier and governor, and it is mainly to his sweeping reforms in the Indian Army administration that our present timely aid from the "kindly dark faces" is due.

If Earl Kitchener had been given his choice in the present struggle, he would doubtless have chosen a place in the thickest of the fight; but his genius for the stage-management of war marked him out for a post of equal responsibility at home.

Probably no such demand has ever been made of any soldier-statesman as the task that was laid on our first War Lord, but when history discloses the real romance of our Expeditionary Force, the name of Kitchener will stand out among the greatest men of Europe.

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Receiving Threatening Letters

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Judges sitting on appeals under the Military Service Act are receiving anonymous letters or telephone calls almost every day containing threats. Today a letter was received by one of the judges threatening him in all sorts of ways. The judge said several letters of this nature had been received by himself or brother judges since the courts began their sittings.

Columbia Woman's Auxiliary Meets

The monthly meeting of the diocesan board of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Barnabas schoolroom on Friday, at which special reference was made to the taking of the City of Jerusalem by the British as a reason for thanksgiving, in the effect upon the Jewish people of the release of their sacred city out of the hands of the Turk. Mrs. Miller read items on the restoration of Jerusalem in her paper on current topics. The diocesan president reported having visited the Alert Bay Girls' School last week and having found the work being carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. Special interest was shown in the mission work among the Chinese in Victoria, where the members of the night school, under Mrs. Gilbert Cook's leadership, were last Tuesday entertained with a Christmas treat, and on Thursday afternoon the little scholars of Miss Orwin's kindergarten class had a real Christmas tree, with gifts presented by Mrs. Schofield to each child. When it is remembered that it is scarcely a year since this work among the Chinese children was started, it is a wonderful evidence of what a change the faithful and devoted labor of these two ladies has brought into these little lives. Mrs. Cook's work also lies with the mothers, whom she visits periodically, teaching English to those who are willing to learn. Six young men are under instruction from Rev. Gilbert Cook, and the work has many encouraging features. The day of the meeting being the festival of St. Thomas, Rev. R. G. Miller based his address upon the teaching to be drawn from the story of that apostle. The Dorcas Society reported Christmas gifts sent to the schools and missions, all of whom have been remembered by the branches. The January board meeting is to be held in St. John's schoolroom, and will commence at 11 o'clock and continue during the afternoon.

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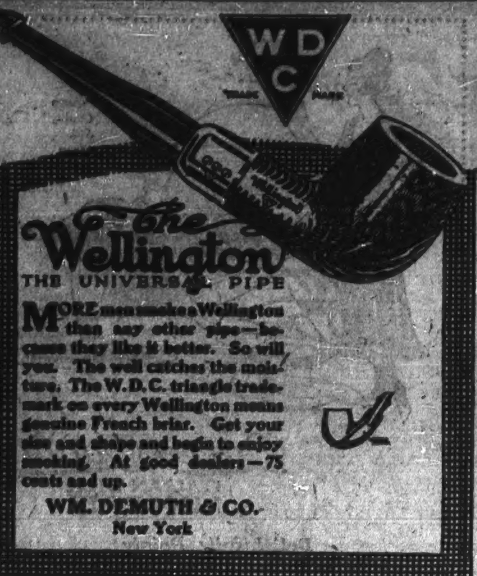
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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—One million dollars for a twenty-five round championship fight between Willard and Fulton!

This was the bid made here yesterday by Matt Hinkel, of Cleveland, who offered to underwrite the bout for that amount provided it can be staged in New York, Philadelphia or Cleveland.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 21.—A purse of $60,000, which would be turned over to the Red Cross, was offered here for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-Tate fight here on Christmas Day. The offer is made by Paul R. Gabriele, secretary of the Army Athletic Association, which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this Winter for the benefit of the forty thousand soldiers stationed at Camp Pike. The fight would be staged on March 16 or 18, in an open-air arena, and would be scheduled for 20 rounds. Secretary Gabriele telegraphed the proposal to Willard.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

Rugby

V. I. A. A. vs. B. C. University at Royal Athletic Park; referee, Mr. Spalding. Kick-off at 2:45. Halifax Fund benefit.

Association

V. I. A. A. vs. E. M. C. H. at Beacon Hill; referee, Payne.

Garrison vs. Victoria Wests at Work Point; referee, Geward.

Infantry vs. Navy at Willows; referee, Sergt.-Major Jones.

BROSSEAU EXEMPTED; FLEMING MUST FIGHT

REGINA, Dec. 21.—When the final Brosseau, 145-pound amateur boxing champion of Canada and the United States, has been granted six months' exemption for family reasons.

Frankie Fleming, professional boxer, has been refused exemption by the tribunal because he did not think it worth while to apply in person, as the military regulations demand, but only sent in a written claim.

JESS CRAB-WALKS TO KEEP STRING ON TITLE

Willing to Box Ten Rounds Without Decision in Ball Park for Red Cross With Title Insured.

Here is the joke: Jess Willard will box for charity but not for the championship. A dispatch from Chicago says that he made that clear yesterday when he specified that his "million dollar" Red Cross bout should be limited to ten rounds with no decision and no title at stake.

Jess further declared that the fight should be held in some big city, preferably Chicago, and should be staged in a ball park because of the large seating capacity. This would mean that the match would have to be held in warm weather. The champion suggested that a committee of five newspapermen should select his opponent.

BAD WEATHER WILL NOT PREVENT RUGBY

Match at Royal Athletic Park Will Be Played Whatever the Conditions—Excellent Game Is Anticipated.

Whatever the weather, rain, hail, snow or shine, the Rugby game between the V. I. A. A. and the University of British Columbia scheduled for this afternoon at 2:45 at the Royal Athletic Park will be played.

The visiting team is coming here for a certainty at considerable expense, and all necessary arrangements have been completed for the match. It is the hope of all, of course, that the weather man will be kind and put a sudden and pleasant termination to the long spell of disagreeable weather with which he has visited us lately, but, if he should remain stony-hearted, the fifteens will come together at the Park even though he does his worst.

That the game is being played for the benefit of the Halifax relief fund will no doubt influence many wavering spectators should the weather be disagreeable, but the public may be reminded that the grandstand at the Royal Athletic Park is spacious and weatherpoof and gives the best possible view of the whole field of play. That the game will be well worth seeing is a foregone conclusion, as the teams are both of a high order and the players on the local team are all keen to get back into their favorite game.

Of late years there has been a difficulty to raise a good Rugby fifteen here, as all the regular players who were here at the start of the war of eligible military age went overseas right at the start. The present team includes Rugby stars on leave from the front, a few veterans not eligible for military duties and the pick of the rising talent among the younger generation of Rugby players. Although they have had no chance of playing together as a team before the match, they have done everything possible to get into the best possible shape for the contest, and they will form one of the strongest scatch teams seen on a local field for many a long day.

By permission of Major Bumbury and officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment, the band of that regiment will be in attendance to all to the liveliness of the occasion. Mr. W. H. Spalding will referee the game and the ball will be kicked off punctually at 2:45, play being for forty-five minutes each way. No alteration has been made in the teams as announced in yesterday's Colonist.

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BOXING BOUTS ARE LEGAL IN CLUBS

New York Magistrate Questions Constitutionality of State Law Prohibiting Boxing—No Evidence of Prizefight

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In discharging yesterday 16 men arrested at boxing bouts in clubs, either as promoters or spectators, Magistrate Corrigan questioned the constitutionality of the state law prohibiting boxing, and expressed the opinion that, if the statute were tested, it would be declared void. Two boxers who took part in a club bout were held in $50 bail for trial, however.

Magistrate Corrigan declared it had not been shown that the boxers engaged in a "prize fight" instead of a sparring match, and said any legitimate club could have a right to employ whoever it pleased to entertain its members.

Testimony was introduced to show that many of the "members" had joined the clubs on the nights of the matches, and had paid membership fees in lieu of admissions.

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WINNIPEG TRUNDLERS CAPTURE THE TROPHY

Bowling the final total of 3077, the Winnipeg trundlers captured the Merchants' Casualty Cup, emblematic of the Western Canada Telegraph bowling championship, last night Vancouver bowlers rolled into second place with a score of 2944. Regina totalled 2596, and Calgary had rolled 3304, with the last half of the final frame to be added. The champions' totals in three games were 1060, 1045 and 972.

Here are the full scores for the match:

Vancouver				
Block	234	210	199	643
Jacoby	191	200	176	567
Conroy	160	158	181	541
Ellsworth	221	244	149	614
Hodge	183	204	234	621
Total	989	1016	939	2944
Winnipeg				
Gibson	192	173	192	557
McKean	232	196	179	607
Doyle	191	217	169	517
Sutherland	200	235	243	675
Forgie	245	226	190	661
Totals	1060	1045	972	3077
Calgary				
Bowser	173	223	204	600
Brown	183	157	202	542
Cool	143	155	166	464
Stockton	204	148	149	501
Gray	174	187	165	526
Totals	877	870	886	2633
Regina				

REGINA, Dec. 20.—When the final test came in the telegraphic bowling match for the championship of Western Canada, Regina bowlers were unequal to the occasion, and their total count was 2596. The scores were as follows—850, 857 and 889. Total 2596.

NEW YORK WRESTLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Dr. B. B. Roller, of Seattle, scored the record fall of the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here last night when he threw Pierre Le Belge, of Belgium, in 13 seconds with a body hold.

Zbysako, of Poland, threw Demetrius Tolafs, of Greece, in 17 minutes and 54 seconds with a bridge hold and double arm lock. Ed. "Strangler" Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., threw Tom Braak, of Holland, in 13 minutes, 11 seconds with a head hold.

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TEAMS SELECTED FOR HOLIDAY GAMES

The following team has been selected to represent Victoria against Vancouver on New Year's Day: Jelliman, V. I. A. A.; Whyte and Copas, Wests; Allen, Wests; Pitt, E. M. C. H.; and Jenkins, Navy; Sherratt, Wests; Frankish, Garrison; Peden, Wests; Davis, Navy; and Caskie, Fifth Regt.

As far as the defence goes this team could hardly be improved upon, there might be room for two or more opinions as to the choice of the halfbacks, and it certainly seems a pity that the Garrison was not given a place. Filmore has scored more goals this season than any other forward. He knows his place as centre forward and plays it as it should be played. There can surely be no question that he is worth his place in any representative team which Victoria can field today. The committee entrusted with the selection of the above team was composed of Messrs. Youson, Davis and Sergt.-Major Bradley.

The team which will represent the Victoria civilians against the Army and Navy in the Red Cross match to be played at Beacon Hill on Christmas morning will be composed of the following: Jelliman; Whyte and Copas; Allen, Ferris and Hay; Sherratt, Cummins, Peden, Knight and Caskie. The team to represent the Army and Navy has not yet been finally arranged.

EXHIBITION HOCKEY PLAYED AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Professional hockey was ushered in tonight by an exhibition game played between Vancouver, and a picked aggregation from other cities in the Coast League, calling themselves the Terminals. The Vancouver regular team won by a score of 9 to 8.

The line-up:

Vancouver—Lehman, goal; Si Griffis, point; Lloyd Cook, coverpoint; "Cyclone" Taylor, rover; Mickey Mackay, centre; Barney Stanley, right wing; Moynes, left wing.

Terminals—Irvine, goal; L. Patrick, point; Rickey, coverpoint; Shore, rover; Morris, centre; Riley, left wing; McDonald, right wing.

HIGH SCHOOLS PLAY FOR RUGBY TROPHY

While the B. C. University Rugby players will be here today to try conclusions with the V. I. A. A. Rugby team, the Victoria High School Rugby team will be over in Vancouver trying to ge the better of the King George High School Rugby team for the Thomson Cup and Provincial High School championship. The game in Vancouver will be played in the morning at Brockton Point.

Labor Trouble Settled

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—The teamsters' and chauffeurs' union met last night and accepted an agreement proposed by the wholesale employers making the wages $22 and $22 a week, with a nine-hour day, time and a half for overtime, seven hours on Saturdays. There is no closed shop clause in the agreement and no set period for its life.

Very Large Majority

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21. — Thomas Boyd, returning officer for centre Winnipeg, officially announced the majority of Major Andrews, Unionist, over R. S. Ward, for the centre Winnipeg constituency as 13,340. The figures: Andrews, 17,630; Ward, 4,289.

Russia, Japan and China

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Pravada, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third

SHOOTING BARRED IN THESE WATERS

The game warden's department has called attention once more to the law regarding shooting in the waters near the city. Complaints have been coming in of shooting near the beaches in the outskirts of the city and also in the waters of the Gorge and the department has issued instructions to its officers that the law must be rigidly enforced to the letter.

The section of the game act which deals with the matter so far as it concerns Victorians is as follows:

"No person shall at any time discharge a firearm of any description within the following described areas:

"(a.) Between high-water mark on Vancouver Island and a line drawn as follows: Commencing at Cadboro Point (commonly called Ten-Mile Point), near the city of Victoria; thence in an easterly direction to Fulford Reef; thence in a southerly direction to the most easterly point of Alpha Island; thence to the most easterly point of Discovery Island; thence southwesterly to the southern point of Trial Island; thence westerly to Brotchie Ledge; thence to Macaulay Point; including all the waters of Victoria Harbor and the Gorge."

ALEXANDER THINKS SHOULD GET SHARE

Bought for $750, Sold for $50,000, Wants $10,000 for His Share of the Unearned Increment

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Grover Alexander, the star pitcher purchased by the Chicago Nationals from Philadelphia, stated yesterday he thought $10,000 would be his fair share of the purchase price paid Philadelphia, and he thought the latter club should pay it.

"I'm not making any threats," said Alexander, "but I think the public should know the situation. Seven years ago Philadelphia paid $750 for me. They sold me for $50,000. Hard work brought about the boom in my stock, and who did the work ought to get some of it."

Alexander said he expected to leave for his home at St. Paul, Nebr. He has not yet signed a contract with Chicago.

THINKS COMMUNITY SHOULD OWN CLUBS

Community owned ball clubs will be the salvation of the great American diamond pastime, in the opinion of President Bob Brown, of the Vancouver baseball club, and winner of half a dozen Northwestern League pennants since he first started piloting clubs in this part of the country. President Brown is going to follow in the steps of President Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Nationals, and give every fan in his city a chance to become a magnate. If other clubs throughout the country would do the same, baseball would become the greatest pastime of the age, declares the Vancouver official.

Want New Goaltender

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—As a result of the poor showing of goalers Hebert and Brock at Montreal, Manager Querrie will either sign "Paddy" Moran of Quebec, or Collette, former goaler of the ex-champion Riversides.

Against Admission of Sir Wilfrid

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 21.—The Canadian Imperial League, Ltd., voted unanimously to place itself on record as being opposed to the admission of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the Cabinet to

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HOCKEY AMATEURS WIN FROM THE PROS.

Winnipeg Players Surprise Fans by Their Amazing Form—Walter Smaill Does a Comeback

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Playing a game that was somewhat of a revelation to the 1,200 hockey fans for speed and stamina, the amateurs defeated the professionals 11 to 8, in an exhibition patriotic contest here last night. It was the first conflict of the season, and, considering the short practice, the boys showed amazing form. End to end rushes and fast combination featured the play throughout. Dick Irvine and Harry Scott were the best of the professionals. The game was hard fought, with the professionals holding their own until well on in the last period, when the superior condition of the youths told its tale and they won out in a walk. Walter Smaill showed a real comeback and did a lot of useful work for the professionals. Kean and Field handled the game.

The lineup:

Professionals	Position	Amateurs
Binney	Goal	Morrison
Smaill	Point	A. Irwin
C. Laughlin	Cover	W. Laughlin
Scott	Rover	Brown
D. Irvine	Centre	Sparrow
Wilson	Right	O'Meara
Marples	Left	Irwin

Tennis Tournament Off

BROOKLINE, Mass., Dec. 21.—The annual covered courts invitation tennis tournament of the Longwood Cricket Club will not be held this Winter. Officials of the club said today that as the grade players were now in the country's service it would be impossible to arouse enough enthusiasm to warrant having the tournament.

NEW YORK WRESTLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here last night, five finish matches were decided as follows: Hans Fuerst, of Switzerland, threw Hans Assam, of Cuba, in 18 minutes 5 seconds; Yousoff Hussane, of the Balkans, defeated Charles Pospishil, of Bohemia, 11:42; Sula Hevonpaa, of Finland, threw Henry Vogel, of Saxony, 12:47; Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, threw Fred. Pilakoff, of Finland, 12:32; Ed. "Strangler" Lewis, of Lexington, Ky., threw George Manick, of Serbia, 5:27.

DONOVAN TO MANAGE ST. LOUIS NATIONALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—William "Wild Bill" Donovan, manager of the New York Americans for the last three years, will be manager of the St. Louis Nationals this season, according to persistent but unconfirmed reports received today. Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, recently was named as Donovan's successor here.

Morningstar Takes Lead

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Ora Morningstar, of this city, outplayed Walter Cochrane, of Chicago, in two blocks of 18.2 balk line billiards here today and went into the lead 1,200 to 1,134 in the 1,800 point match. The match will end tomorrow.



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PARKSVILLE FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Charles Werich, Wanted by Nanaimo Police, Blows His Brains Out With Shotgun—Was Naturalized German.

NANAIMO, Dec. 21.—Charles Werich, a naturalized German farmer, of Parksville, who had been wanted by provincial police since Wednesday, was found dead in his home this morning, having shot himself through the mouth with a shotgun.

Werich was summoned to appear in the Provincial Court on Wednesday afternoon, to answer to a charge laid against him by Mr. Percy Runston, enumerator under the election act, of refusing to show naturalization papers when called upon to do so, and for using obscene language on a public highway. When Werich failed to answer the summons, Magistrate Beevor-Potts issued a warrant for his arrest.

Yesterday Chief Constable Stephenson went up to Parksville with the warrant, but being unable to gain admittance to his house and being told by neighbors that he was away in Nanaimo, he returned, believing his man had flown. Apparently alarmed that Werich did not return from Nanaimo, and fearing he had come to some harm, a relative who lives close by broke into his cottage this morning and found him dead. It is believed that he put a shotgun into his mouth and blew the top of his head off. Immediately the police sent a constable to the scene and this afternoon an inquest was held, but no decision was given out.

The dead man is a German by birth and was well known, both in Parksville and Nanaimo districts, having lived there for some time. He had been a resident of British Columbia for the past twenty-two years. He was a farmer and lived a very quiet and simple life. Werich, who was about 48 years of age, took out United States naturalisation papers in 1891 and Canadian papers in 1902. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of Mr. J. D. Jenkins, of this city.

NANAIMO COURTS

NANAIMO, Dec. 21.—Dev Lal, a Hindu, of Port Alberni, was up before Judge Barker today on a charge of raising a cheque from $100 to $400, and elected to stand trial at the assize court next Spring. Bail was set at $1,000 bond, and two sureties of $1,000 each.

Sing Ling, who was caught smoking opium last evening by Constable Nicholson in Chinatown, was tried before Magistrate Beevor-Potts in the local police court today and was fined $25 and $2 costs, or in default two months in jail. Two outfits taken were ordered destroyed.

Spain's Business Tied Up

MADRID, Dec. 21.—The Mercantile and Industrial Union, representing the country's commercial interests, held a meeting today, and after a discussion of the imperfection and disorganisation of the nation's transportation system, decided to make an energetic protest to King Alfonso. In line with this decision a message was sent to the king pointing out the difficulties of the situation, and informing him that all the shops in Madrid and in the greater part of the Province would close, the merchants represented at the meeting having decided to sell out their present stocks and not to make any further purchases until a solution of the difficulties was reached.

NANAIMO CITIZENS TO CONSERVE FOOD

Mr. J. W. Gibson, Provincial Organizer of the Food Conservation Committee of Canada, Seeks Aid.

Mr. J. W. Gibson, Provincial Organizer of the Food Conservation Committee of Canada, visited Nanaimo last week when he met the City Council and a committee of the local Board of Trade in connection with the organisation of a general committee in Nanaimo with the object of food conservation in this city and district.

Mr. Gibson pointed out clearly the necessity of conserving certain products, such as wheat, beef and pork in order that additional quantities of such products be available for shipment to the soldiers overseas. He pointed out that the United States Government is endeavoring to conserve one-fifth of the wheat production for shipment overseas and expects a similar movement in the Dominion of Canada, where the wheat crop totals 250,000,000 bushels, with half of the amount required for home consumption. The conserving of one-fifth of this total would release 25,000,000 bushels, making in all 150,000,000 bushels which Canada could ship overseas.

It was decided that the local committee would increase its membership to about twenty members and organize into sub-committees with the object of waging a campaign of education among the public showing the necessity of conservation and the elimination of all waste.

YOUNGSTERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS TREAT

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School Scholars Have High Time at Annual Celebration.

DUNCAN, Dec. 21.—There was a splendid turnout of children, parents and friends last evening when the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment in Odd Fellows' Hall.

The large prettily decorated tree brought forth many exclamations of delight from the younger children, and it was apparent that every child present was enjoying him or herself to the very fullest extent. There was a short programme of Christmas choruses and dialogues well rendered by the pupils of the Sunday School, and Mr. Bell received much praise for the work he had done in training the children. Many prizes were distributed for regular attendance at Sunday School and to the pupils who attend every Sunday morning service during the year a special certificate was presented, and when pupils have received special certificates for three years they then receive an illuminated diploma from the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The following is a list of those who received special certificates for attending every Sunday morning service during the past year, and the first three named also received a special certificate for attendance last year: Muriel Dunn, Kenneth and Duncan Murchie, Ivy Barrett, Willie Barrett, Alice McClennan, Stella Dunn, Annie McDonald, Louis McDonald, Flora McDonald and Claude Bell.

After the prizes had been distributed, each child was presented with a box of candy. The Rev. Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Monroe then came in for the honors and were presented with a fine turkey, a gift from the Ladies' Guild, friends and members of the congregation.

After refreshments the National Anthem was sung and the happy children with their parents dispersed for the night. Much praise for the success of the evening's entertainment is due to Rev. A. F. Monroe, superintendent of the Sunday School, and to Mrs. Sommerville, Mrs. F. Campbell, Miss Bell and Miss Cowie, who take the keenest interest in all pertaining to the Sunday School work.

NANAIMO NOTES

Mr. R. T. Palmer, after spending a short visit to the city has returned to the mainland.

Mr. James Hodd and Mrs. Hodd, who have been spending the past three weeks visiting friends in Nanaimo and Northfield, have returned to their home in Victoria.

Mr. H. W. Geggan, of Victoria, is a visitor in town for a few days.

Mr. John Clark, provincial boiler inspector, is in Nanaimo for a short time on official business. He expects to return to the Capital today.

Mr. H. W. Courtenay is up from Victoria for a short visit.

Mr. J. W. Watson, of Alberni, passed through here yesterday en route to Vancouver. He intends to return home Saturday.

Mr. J. S. Edwards, of Port Alberni, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Williams, have left for Duncan where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. William's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Williams.

Mrs. J. C. Hansen, of Vancouver, is in the city for a few days.

Mr. C. J. Setland, of Departure Bay, has left for the Capital where he will spend several days visiting relatives and friends. He will return home via Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ford, who were recently married at Parksville and who have been spending their honeymoon touring British Columbia, are expected home shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, of Vancouver, are visitors in the city; guests at the Windsor hotel.

Mr. V. Coland, of Calgary, Alta., passed through here yesterday en route to Victoria where he will spend several days on business before returning East.

Among the Vancouver visitors registered at the Windsor hotel are: Mr. H. Corston, Mr. R. A. Gorman, Mr. G. Macree, Mr. R. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bland.

Mrs. Hazel Hall, of Vancouver, arrived in the city last evening on the Princess Patricia.

Mr. Hallard Dallas and Mrs. Dallas, of Northfield, have left for the mainland, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. H. Elphick, of Vancouver, arrived in the city last evening from the mainland. He intends to spend several days in Nanaimo and district on business.

Mr. C. M. Tate, of Victoria, is visiting this city.

Mr. R. Piercy Dawson, of North Vancouver, after spending several days touring Vancouver Island, left this morning en route home.

Mr. W. J. Cullum, of Vancouver, is visiting Nanaimo, and a guest at the Windsor hotel.

Mr. F. L. Bird, of Ottawa, who has been spending the past six weeks touring Vancouver Island, inspecting the timber lands, has left en route East.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector V. Holmes, of Port Alberni, passed through here today en route to Victoria where they will spend the winter months with relatives.

Mr. Walter Marriott, of Parksville, is looking for a raft with a 6 horse power gasoline engine and a sprocket chain elevator for loading shingle bolts, which drifted away from the mouth of Englishman's River on Saturday evening, December 15.

Salvation Army Officer Killed

The Salvation Army officers have received from the Salvation Army headquarters in Vancouver, word that a number of Salvation Army people were killed in the Halifax disaster, among whom was the wife of Ensign Cranfield, one of the Corps Officers stationed there. Also one of the Army citadels has been completely wiped out.

Will Hold Demonstration

The Salvation Army will hold its annual children's Christmas demonstration on Wednesday, December 26. There will be drills by the life-saving scouts and juniors of the Corps, songs and recitations and also the distribution of prizes.

Mr. Leonard Booth, who recently joined the mechanical branch of the Imperial Royal Flying Corps, has returned home having been discharged from the service as medically unfit.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Egdell went over to Vancouver yesterday to spend a short holiday.

Died While on Way to Nanaimo

Mr. Daniel Ross, brother of Mr. J. D. Ross, of Pine Street, died in Seattle on December 11, while on his way to Nanaimo. He was a native of Westville, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, where he was born 46 years ago. The funeral took place in Everett, Wash.

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Previously acknowledged	$5,468.12
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North Ward School, Douglas St.	65.00
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J. J. Newnham	2.00
Mrs. A. Robethum, Port Comfort, B. C.	4.00
Teachers, Janitress, Pupils, King's Road School	12.40
Coppers	2.00
A. F. Stevens	5.00
Mrs. Charles A. Fraser	5.00
E. Ellis	.50
Friend	1.00
Friend	1.00
Total	$5,567.00

HOSPITAL FINANCES SERIOUS PROBLEM

Regular Board Meeting at Jubilee Considers Ways and Means in Connection With Proposed Improvements.

A great part of the discussion in connection with business brought up at the regular monthly meeting of the Jubilee Hospital board of directors last night centred on the question of ways and means, in view of the steadily increasing cost of commodities and the consequently diminishing available funds for any of the proposed improvements.

Chairman R. S. Day presided, and there was present almost a full representation of the board.

One of the first matters brought up was the report of the finance committee. Mr. Fraser, as chairman thereof, asked the board for an extension of time for the investigation re the advance of hospital charges, etc., which he and his committee had been asked to make. There were certain matters re which they had still to hear before they would have a statement with which to approach the Government in asking for an increased grant. Incidentally, the chairman remarked that the hospital was now $7,000 in arrears. At the present rate, the arrears in a year would be nearly three times this amount. Also they had learned that legally they were not entitled to increase the cost of beds in the public wards.

The question of expense had to be debated again in considering the matter of appointing an X-ray specialist. Drs. Leeder and Boak have been requested to bring in a report in connection with the matter of the appointment of a pathologist. The board has already communicated with a possible appointee for the office of medical superintendent. His reply is being awaited.

House Committee's Report

The Board dealt seriatim with the various points of the house committee's report, in which it was stated, among other things, that following the suggestion at the last board meeting, the hospital visiting hours had been extended, and that visitors henceforth would be admitted between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m., except to the children's ward.

It was reported that the Royal Dairy's request for an increase of 4c in the price of milk had been agreed to, on condition that the vendors adhered to their new charges up to the end of the contract year. One of the board suggested that to ensure this the dairy might be asked to make a deposit. The Victoria Baggage Company's appeal for an increase in haulage rates was refused.

Christmas Treat

The house committee's recommendation that a grant of $50 be made for the hospital Christmas treat was granted, and the chairman announced that this would take place on Monday evening.

Possible ways in which the hospital offices could be rearranged with advantage were recommended in connection with the house committee's suggestion that the top floag be remodelled to use as a kitchen. The matter was referred back to the committee for estimate of cost, but not until it was suggested that the present operating theatre was in excellent position for the kitchen, and it would be easier to find a place for a new operating room.

The meeting was divided in its view as to the urgency of the need for an efficient X-ray machine. Two parts of the present instrument, it appeared, were worn out, and the machine could not be used until these were replaced with new ones. Dr. Leeder, when appealed to, stated that the machine, while not useful for taking photographs, was, when in good condition, useful for certain treatments. The cost of the required parts, according to estimate shown, was $250. After some debate, a resolution that the recommendation of the house committee, that the necessary parts be purchased, was passed.

The board also readily assented to the request that a number of beds purchased for the nurses' home and which subsequently had to be taken to the hospital for the patients be replaced with new ones.

WILL NOT HINDER COMPLETION OF C.N.R.

Minister of Railways Informs Mayor That Nothing Blocks Inauguration of Island-Mainland Ferry Service.

The Dominion Government has interfered in no way with the plans of the Canadian Northern to inaugurate a car ferry service between the Island and the Mainland, the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, informed Mayor Todd by letter yesterday.

The Minister explained that nothing has been done by the Government that would change the policy that has been laid down by the management of the Canadian Northern. "If they have arranged for a car ferry between the Island and the Mainland, I have no doubt they will carry out their original intention," added the Minister.

For the last several weeks the Mayor has been busy trying to find out why the long promised ferry service has not materialized. He was informed that the ferry is now nearing completion at Levis, Quebec.

Women and Quebec Bar

QUEBEC, Dec. 21.—T. A. Bouchard, M.P.P. for St. Hyacinthe, today gave notice to the Legislature that at the next sitting, January 8, he will introduce a motion to admit women to the practice of law in Quebec. A similar motion has been defeated twice in the Legislature of Quebec in the last two years.

Prairies Short of Fuel

REGINA, Dec. 21.—A delegation from Saskatoon today met Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Colonization and Immigration, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, in regard to the fuel shortage which threatens the rural districts of Northern Saskatchewan. The matter was promised every attention.

To Debate on Peace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—A German Government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace," has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Carl Helfferich, former Vice-Chancellor, is at the head of the bureau, with Privy Councillor Albert, the former commissioner to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as his assistant.



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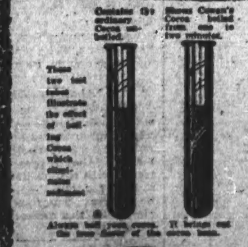


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Children's Cape Skin Gloves in tan and mastic, also grey suede, with pique sewn seams, one fastener at wrist. Suitable for Christmas gifts. Sizes 1 to 6. Price, $1.50.

Dent's Chamois Gloves, made of specially prepared washable chamois leather, pique sewn and fastened with two pearl buttons at wrist; sizes 5¾ to 7. They wash well, and are very satisfactory. Price, $1.65.

Gloves, Main Floor

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Penman's Cashmere Hose

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Penman's Super-quality White and Black Cashmere Hose, very fine all-wool. Made with garter top and double heels and toes. Sizes 8½, 9, 9½ and 10. Regular $1.25. Today, pair ..... **95c** Each

—Hosiery, Main Floor

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Ladies' Crepe Night Gowns, Today, 69c

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—First Floor

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Ladies' Bags

Regular to $16.50, Today, $6.95

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—Bags, Main Floor

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Ladies' Umbrellas, Regular to $8.50 Values for $4.95

20 only of these Umbrellas, with silk and fine gloria covers, long, straight, mounted with sterling silver, in various patterns. Regular $5.50 to $8.50. Today **$4.95** Each

—Umbrellas, Main Floor

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—Staples, in Basement

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—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

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—Second Floor

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2 Only, Model Yachts—Regular $9.50. Today, $5.98.
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9 Only, Model Yachts—Regular, $4.25. Today, $2.95.
The above Models are Fully Rigged.

12 Only, Rocking and Platform Horses in dapple grey, slightly imperfect. Today Special, $2.95.

3 Only, Soldier Equipments, just the thing for the young lad. Regular $2.00. Today, $1.25.

5 Only, Folding Doll Buggies, Regular, $5.50. Today, $3.95.

3 Only Folding Doll Buggies, in larger size. Regular $7.00. Today, $4.95.

These Carriages are well made and have rubber tires.

—Santaland, in Basement

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Ladies' Gloves

Special Prices in Ladies' Evening Gloves

Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves in the well-known Trefousse make, 16 and 20-button lengths, with oversewn seams and three dainty pearl fasteners at wrist; black and white, in sizes 5¾ to 7.

16-button length. Regular $3.00 and $3.25 for **$1.98**

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Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves at $1.00 Pair

Ladies' Glace Kid Gloves, in white, tan and black, with oversewn seams and two dome fasteners at wrist. A good fitting Glove in a full range of sizes, from 5¾ to 7¼. Special today, pair..... **$1.00**

—Gloves, Main Floor

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Fancy Sewing Baskets, Reduced to $1.79 and $2.98

A gift offer worth while. Fancy Wicker and Grass Sewing Baskets in various shapes and colors, satin-lined in shades of saxe, rose, pink and mauve.

—Art Needlework, Main Floor

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Plain and Fancy Silks, Regular $3.75 for $2.98 Yard

$2.98 Yard — A fine range of Plain and Striped Silks in the latest designs and colorings. This will afford an opportunity to give a length of the highest grade silk at a moderate cost; 36 inches wide. Regular $3.75 values. Today, yard, $2.98.

—Silks, Main Floor

Dainty Neck-Fixings Suitable for Christmas Gifts

High Neck Collars with jabot in net and lace, plain or trimmed with lace; also turn-down collars in satin, wash silk, Georgette crepe and crepe de Chine. Many pretty shapes. Price, $1.00.

Smart High Neck Collars with jabot, made of Georgette crepe, plain lace and spotted net; also turn-down collars in Georgette crepe, satin and lawn, many shapes, including the new long front effect. Price, $1.75.

Pretty High Neck Collars with jabot in Georgette crepe, lace and net, plain or prettily trimmed with lace and hemstitching; also large shoulder point effects in Georgette trimmed with filet lace. Price, $0.75.

High Collars in embroidered net; also combinations of net and Georgette crepe; also large sailor styles, trimmed with hand-made lace. Price, $2.25.

—Neckwear, Main Floor

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LOCAL MANAGER IS GIVEN BIG TASK

Mr. W. I. Bishop to Supervise Foundation Company Programme on Atlantic Coast—Fourth Plant for N. W.

Mr. W. I. Bishop, manager of the local Company since its establishment, will leave Victoria at the beginning of next year to assume charge of the company's vast shipbuilding programme on the Atlantic Coast.

Announcement of Mr. Bishop's appointment was simultaneous with the receipt of reports from the East, stating that the Foundation Company intends to establish within the near future another great wooden shipbuilding plant in the Northwest. Seattle, it is said, is one of the centres under investigation as a location, although sites on the Columbia River and other points on Puget Sound will also be given consideration. It is understood that the Victoria plant will soon be materially expanded to handle further wooden ship contracts which the Foundation Company expects to receive from the Imperial Munitions Board.

The Foundation Company, in addition to its plant in the Victoria inner harbor has a plant in Tacoma with ten ways, and one in Portland with an equal number of ways. It is building forty large auxiliary-powered wooden vessels for the French Government. In addition, the corporation has contracts for ten wooden ships from the United States Shipping Board and five contracts from the Imperial Munitions Board, the latter being carried out in Victoria.

When Mr. Bishop leaves this city, probably shortly after January 1, when the first Imperial Munitions Board hull is in the water, the Victoria plant will pass under the direction of Mr. Bayley Hipkins, manager of the Foundation Company in the Northwest district, with headquarters at Seattle. The resident managership will be in the hands of Messrs. Dean, Johnson and H. McCommick.

Mr. Hipkins says that the new plant, wherever located, will have at least ten ways and will probably employ 1500 men in full operation. Contracts, he says are pending that will duplicate the orders for ships the company now has on hand. He denies however the report that the Foundation Company would build Steel ships on the Pacific Coast.

TIME OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT VICTORIA

(Pacific Standard Time for December, 1917)

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:19
2	7:46	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:02	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:03	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:03	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:03	4:21
8	7:52	4:19	24	8:04	4:21
9	7:53	4:19	25	8:04	4:22
10	7:53	4:18	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:05	4:24
12	7:56	4:18	28	8:05	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:05	4:26
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:06	4:27
15	7:59	4:18	31	8:06	4:28
16	7:59	4:18			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

DECEMBER, 1917

Date.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.
2	9:15 2.7			23:33 1.7
3	9:26 2.6			
4	0:15 2.4	9:17 2.6		
5	0:49 2.3	9:21 2.6		
6	1:20 4.1	9:31 2.7		
7	1:44 4.9	9:42 2.9	12:27 1.0	
8		10:05 2.9	12:43 4.2	
9		10:29 9.0	18:40 2.6	
10		10:49 2.3	19:02 2.7	
11		11:07 9.4	19:32 2.0	
12		11:34 9.6	20:05 1.3	
13		11:42 9.5	20:41 0.7	
14		12:21 9.9	21:19 0.4	
15		12:52 9.8	21:59 0.4	
16		13:40 9.5	22:40 0.7	
17	1:07 5.4	10:30 2.8	14:22 9.0	23:33 1.3
18	1:42 5.4	13:04 7.7	15:28 8.2	
19	0:04 2.0	8:00 2.6	13:20 7.0	[illegible]
20	0:49 2.1	8:24 2.7	14:44 6.1	19:42 6.4
21	1:28 4.2	8:49 9.0	15:54 6.0	21:54 5.9
22	1:59 5.4	9:14 9.3	16:55 3.3	
23		9:40 9.6	17:47 3.2	
24		10:07 9.9	18:32 1.9	
25		10:36 10.0	19:12 1.3	
26		11:07 10.0	19:51 0.3	
27		11:40 9.9	20:29 0.7	
28		12:11 9.6	21:07 0.9	
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30	7:55 2.7	10:05 8.5	18:04 8.8	23:24 1.8
31	7:46 2.5			23:01 2.5

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower low water.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Rain; calm; 29.90; 37; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Rain; calm; 29.86; 44; sea smooth.

Pachena—Drizzling; calm; 29.56; 36; sea smooth.

Estevan—Rain; S. E.; 29.46; 35; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.56; 36; sea smooth.

Triangle Island — Rain; calm; 29.36; 40; sea moderate. At 11:25 a. m. spoke Camosun off south of Surf Island, northbound. At 2:50 p. m. spoke Dispatch 30 miles north of Milbank Sound, northbound. At 1:20 p. m. spoke Prince George in Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; W., light; 29.33; 39; sea smooth. Str. Prince Albert passed in at 6:45 p. m.

Ikeda—Snow; rain; S. E. light; 29.40; 38; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; N. W., light; 29.60; 40; sea moderate.

NORTHWEST BUILDERS OF WOOD SHIPS UNITE

Washington State Interests Organize to Give Fullest Measure of Aid to United States—Big Programme.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—With the avowed purpose of assisting the federal government to the fullest extent, the Washington Wooden Shipbuilders, embracing a membership of approximately all of the wooden ship plants in the state, have completed their organization, elected officers, and have delegated President Samuel H. Hedges to go immediately to Washington to pledge the unanimous support of each individual plant to the government shipbuilding programme.

Samuel H. Hedges, president of the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, which concern builds the ships for the Washington Shipping Corporation, was chosen as head of the new state-wide organization, and he left last night on his mission to the national capital.

Appoint Officers

L. E. Meacham, secretary of the Meacham & Babcock Shipbuilding Company, was elected vice president, and Bruce C. Shorts, an official of several Puget sound concerns, and a Seattle attorney, was named secretary and treasurer of the organization.

Practically 85 per cent of the shipbuilding concerns now engaged in the construction of wooden vessels are represented in the membership of the new organization at the present writing, and the balance of the yards have signified their willingness to affiliate and are expected to be enrolled in the next two weeks.

34 Plants in State

There are thirty-four plants engaged in the construction of wooden ships in the state of Washington, and of this number probably one-third are constructing vessels for the United States shipping board. The other plants are building for either allied powers or for private interests, and all of them are anxious to place the facilities of their plants at the disposal of the shipping board should the government feel in need of the additional tonnage under construction.

Want More for Fish

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Deep-sea fishermen want greater returns for their labor. Today representatives of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union are meeting here with representatives of the cold storage companies and the owners of independent halibut boats fishing out of Canadian and United States ports, pressing their claims for an increase in the pay paid them for fish. Conferences are expected to continue for several days. The fishermen are seeking an increase of 100 per cent in their returns for halibut and black cod and twenty per cent for ground fish. About 1,300 fishermen are represented in the negotiations, 300 of them being in British Columbia and the balance in Washington and Oregon.

U.S. KEEPS HANDS OFF WOOD SHIPBUILDING

Will Not Discourage Construction Unless Conflicting With Government Programme—Ask Details of Hurley.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In a definite statement of policy the shipping board announced today that it would not discourage construction of wooden ships for private account where their building would not interfere with the government programme. Permission will continue to be refused for construction of steel ships and passenger ships.

In granting permission for private construction of wooden ships the board will give preference to American owners. Private building of barges and tugs will be encouraged in every way possible.

Committee Asks Statement

By resolution at its meeting today the committee called on Chairman Hurley for the following information:

"An itemized statement of all contracts for both steel and wooden ships, with the full name of each contracting person, firm or corporation, when organised and when in operation and the place where the shipbuilding under such contract has been or is being carried on.

"The number of ships constructed, where and by whom built.

"Number of ships now under construction, where and by whom, and the proportion of work done.

"Copies of all shipbuilding contracts

"What ships are being built in private yards for other then government account and by whom."

FABRICATED SHIP PLAN FORGES AHEAD

First Keel Laid at Newark Plant for U.S. Government—Production Will Be Maintained on Steady Basis.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The keel for the first fabricated steel ship in the Submarine Boat Corporation's yards at Newark Bay, N. J., was laid today by Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board. The driving of the first rivet in the keel for the 5,000-ton vessel marked the beginning of the big drive by the government for increased production in Atlantic Coast yards.

The programme now calls for the completion of 150 fabricated steel ships in the Newark yard at the shortest possible time. The Newark Bay plant is one of the largest in the world, and it will be possible, officials say, to have twenty-eight ships under construction at one time.

The Shipping Board announces yesterday that with the completion of the enormous building facilities at the Newark yard, finished ships will be turned out from that plant with clocklike precision.

With the plant going at full speed, 15,000 workmen will be required upon hull construction alone. Officials estimate that fully 30,000 more workmen will be engaged at Eastern industrial centers in the big task of fabricating the material for the vessels.

Canadian Aviator Missing

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The department of the naval service announced today that Flight Sub-Lieut. S. S. Richardson, R.N.A.S., of Montreal, has been reported missing.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

F. NAPIER DENISON, Superintendent.

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

NAVAL OFFICERS GIVE TO HALIFAX FUND

Officers and men serving on the ships afloat and shore establishments at Esquimalt have subscribed $1,775.63 in aid of the Halifax sufferers. Of this amount $869.80 was contributed by the officers and men of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, Malaspina, Galiano and Algerine, and it has been forwarded to the president of the canteen committee of the cruiser Niobe administering the relief fund for naval men who suffered in the Halifax disaster. The remainder of the sum has been sent to the Halifax general relief fund.

GRAY INQUIRY BEGINS

Capt. J. D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner, yesterday held a preliminary inquiry into the stranding of the Victoria Whaling Company's liner Gray, off Cape Calvert. Evidence was submitted by members of the crew behind closed doors.

SCHOONER MALAHAT REACHES AUSTRALIA

Victoria-Built Craft Was Sixty-six Days in Voyage From Port Alberni to Sydney—Used Sails Only.

Proving that the schooners of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company can travel as straight windjammers as well as with auxiliary power, and make fast time in the operation, the schooner Malahat, fourth product of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., plant in Victoria, reached Sydney, Australia, last Tuesday, according to a message received here yesterday.

The Malahat was sixty-six days in making the voyage, travelling under sail power alone, as the Bolinder engines had not arrived in Victoria from Sweden by the time the ship was ready to load.

Legal Fight Over Cargo

Launched from the ways in the inner harbor on August 11, the Malahat went to Port Alberni in September. The loading was marked by legal proceedings at Vancouver when Mr. Niel Nielson, trade commissioner for Australia, brought an action against the Canadian Trading Company over the cargo space question. The Australian Government had contracted for a cargo of lumber, but found that another order had been placed on the Malahat. The matter was brought before Mr. Justice Morrison and an injunction was issued stopping the loading. Subsequently it was arranged that the remainder of the space would be filled with the Australian Government lumber. The Malahat got away from Port Alberni on October 13.

Wolvin Reaches Port

Another of the British Columbia schooner fleet to arrive at Sydney on Tuesday was the Geraldine Wolvin, which made the passage from San Francisco in forty-three days. This vessel was launched at North Vancouver by the Wallace Shipyards on March 6, loaded at Hastings Mill, sailed on May 23 and made a trip of forty-eight days to Sydney. There it was loaded for San Francisco and picked up a return cargo for Australia at the Golden Gate.

The Jessie Norcross, another of the fleet which carried lumber to Australia, is now on passage from Fiji for the B.C. Sugar Refinery Company at Vancouver.

The Jean Steedman and the Beatrice Castle, last of the fleet of twelve wooden schooners built in Victoria and North Vancouver to the order of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, are now moored at the dock of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., and will soon be ready to put to sea.

PREPARE TO CUT DOWN FOOD WASTE AT SEA

Pacific Steamship Company and Other Lines to Observe Wheatless and Meatless Days—Ban Midnight Lunch

Steamship lines operating out of Pacific Coast ports on both sides of the boundary line are preparing to go Messrs. Hanna and Hoover one better in conserving edibles, midnight lunches for passengers being eliminated from the service, while meatless and wheatless days are being rigidly observed on some boats.

Commissary A. F. Gardiner, of the Pacific Steamship Company, has issued a circular announcing that Thursday is meatless day aboard vessels of the fleet and Sunday is wheatless day, while on January 1 the edict to discontinue the practise of serving midnight lunches will go into effect.

Several operators of ocean liners have lined up as well in the fight to reduce food waste to a minimum, and it is believed that the saving in this way will be enormous.

INDIAN IS VICTIM OF TREACHEROUS CURRENT

Joseph Lazal, 18-year-old son of Andrew Lazal, chief of a tribe of West Coast Indians, was drowned Thursday morning in the San Juan River when the canoe he was paddling capsized.

Young Lazal was trying to navigate a part of the stream where the water is shallow and the current treacherous. His frail craft became unmanageable and overturned, and the powerful undertow swept the Indian into deeper water, where he found himself helpless among the eddies and whirlpools.

When his continued absence from the reservation began to cause alarm some of the young braves set out on a search. They found the overturned canoe and on following the river downstream came upon the lifeless body of Lazal entangled in the reeds.

Chief Lazal and several men of the tribe accompanied the body to Victoria yesterday, where the embalming was done at the Thomson parlors. The body was returned last night on the steamer Princess Maquinna and will be buried on the banks of the San Juan River not far from where young Joseph set out on his last cruise.

$75,000 MORE TAXES PAID THAN LAST YEAR

Comptroller's Statement Reflects Return of Financial Confidence—Increased Expenditure Asked in Budget.

Up to the end of November Victorians had paid more than $75,000 of their 1917 taxes than they paid of 1916 taxes to the end of last December, according to a statement issued yesterday by City Comptroller Raymur.

Payments on general taxes to the end of November, the rebate period, this year amount to $537,483.43. On December 31, 1916, the payments for that year totalled $459,476.55. Taxes assessed for the year amount to about $500,000. Besides these there are arrears since 1913 amounting to about $1,000,000.

The civic estimates for 1918 are $1,766,488 against $1,724,748 for 1917. Because of a further reduction in the staff the salary account is about $1,500 less.

The figures are:

Service.	1917.	1918.
City debt	$ 444,780.41	$ 465,695.39
Municipal Council	7,000.00	7,000.00
Legal Departm'nt	7,492.00	7,000.00
Civic salaries	33,093.75	31,659.50
City institutions	305,208.85	316,289.00
Buildings	14,850.00	2,750.00
Miscellaneous	92,500.00	84,900.00
Education	328,200.03	355,036.54
Board of Health	37,210.00	33,565.00
Works Department	200,344.00	218,499.00
Waterworks	252,658.17	248,293.48
	$1,724,748.21	$1,766,488.41

The votes for city institutions are as follows: Store, $3,970; cemetery, $5,093; parks, $18,326; pound, $2,450; police, $74,170; fire, 127,494; library, $16,605; street lighting, $41,969; public market, $4,490; Aged Men's Home, $13,322, and Labor Bureau, $1,230.

OFFICERS ENTERTAIN AT CHRISTMAS FEAST

Christmas atmosphere and spirit prevailed last night at Black Rock fort, where one hundred and fifty persons enjoyed the turkey dinner and dance given by Lieut.-Colonel R. Angus and officers of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., stationed at Black Rock, Dunts Head and Belmont batteries and headquarters.

Military and naval officers representing practically every unit and ship in Victoria and Esquimalt took part in the festivities. Major T. B. Monk and Capt. A. C. Sargison, both old members of the Fifth Regiment, who have been overseas, were among them, and during the evening they gave brief speeches telling of their experiences. Other Fifth Regiment officers there were: Lieut.-Col. Angus, the O. C.; Capt. and Adjutant W. Winsby, Major F. Wollaston, Capt. A. E. Robertson, Lieut. A. C. B. Molesworth, Lieuts. Finnick, Cartwright, Bell, Russell, and Capt. Grand, of the Army Medical Corps.

Victoria society was well represented, and it was only the stormy weather that prevented there being an even larger attendance. Dancing was continued until 1:45 this morning, provision having been made for special car service over the Esquimalt line.

AUSTRALIA VOTING AGAINST COMPULSION

Heavy Opposition Majority to be Overcome by Soldiers' Votes—Premier Hughes' Declaration

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 21.—Unless the soldier vote on the various fronts, which has not yet been counted, offsets the vote in Australia, the government's conscription scheme has been defeated in the referendum by a majority of 150,000. This is believed to be hardly likely, however, on account of the heavy vote against conscription in New South Wales, which gave a majority of 118,000 against the proposal. Those favoring conscription were surprised by the result in Victoria, which reversed last year's favorable vote by giving a majority of 1,500 against conscription this year.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(By Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—A cable from Melbourne states that half the votes have been counted in Australia. The present situation is that conscription has secured a half million votes, but 700,000 ballots have been registered against it.

A dispatch from Melbourne declares that Premier Hughes in an address at a recent meeting in favor of conscription stated that if the measure were defeated at the polls, parliament, he believed, would make the men of Australia do their duty.

NEW YORK BAR PLANS WAR DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Sir Frederick Edwin Smith, K.C., M.P., Attorney-General of Great Britain, will deliver the annual address at the meeting of the New York Bar Association, January 11, it was announced tonight.

Orin N. Carter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, will read a paper.

The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, and Ambassador Jusserand, of France, will speak at the annual dinner on January 12, which will be made the occasion of a "patriotic demonstration in support of the war," and at which Secretary of State Lansing, the Ambassadors of Great Britain, Italy and Japan and the Belgian Minister will be guests.

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KALTSCHMIDT FOUND GUILTY AT DETROIT

Man Accused of Plotting to Destroy Armory and Mills in Canada Convicted With Four Others

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Albert C. Kaltschmidt was convicted on all three counts of an indictment charging conspiracy against the United States by a jury in the United States District Court here early this morning. Four of the five others who have been on trial with him also were found guilty on one or more counts in the indictment. Frans Raispa was acquitted.

One of the three counts against the defendants charged them with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States by the setting on foot in the United States of a military enterprise against Canada.

Judge Arthur Tuttle in his charge to the jury devoted much time to the defining of what constituted such a conspiracy. He pointed out that "one or more of the parties accused must be guilty of an act to effect the object of the conspiracy," and added that if the act was committed by one party to a conspiracy all other persons who participated in it could be found guilty.

The trial has been in progress since December 4.

USEFUL WORK DONE BY RAILWAY TROOPS

Importance of Their Service Referred to in Report Issued Through Militia Department

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The importance of the work being done by Canadian railway troops in France is indicated by a brief report issued through the Militia Department. The report says that part of the work of the railway corps consists in extending light railway systems to enable ammunition to be carried up to new gun positions. When an advance of any kind is made necessitating a change of gun positions the railways have to be extended accordingly. These light railway lines are frequently broken by hostile shell fire, and have to be repaired by troops.

In addition to work on broad gauge and light railways, the railway troops are sometimes employed in constructing dugouts and gun positions, as well as sidings for hospitals, bakeries, garages, and quarries. Work of great importance has sometimes to be done under heavy German shell fire. The director of light railways some time ago reported fine work by the Canadian railway troops.

DISORDER PREVAILS IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery, where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies, and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorders.

Many Blinded in Halifax

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—John F. Moore, head of the American Red Cross unit which went from Boston to Halifax immediately after the disaster there on December 6, reported on his return here today that nearly 1,000 wounded persons are still in hospitals and that the cases of blindness may reach 500. Mr. Moore said the Halifax authorities had made great headway in bringing conditions back to normal and providing for the destitute whose homes were wrecked by the explosion of the ammunition ship, and burned.

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Montreal District's Quota

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—It is calculated that ten thousand men will be called from Military District No. 4 to the colors on January 3 next, and Major-General Wilson, G.O.C., said that all arrangements had been made locally for the enforcement of the Military Service Act and for taking over the men and giving them the necessary training at the Guy Street barracks.

British Aviators Killed

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 21.—Three British aviators in training here were killed this morning when two machines collided in the air. Two of the men were in one machine. The collision took place at a low altitude and less than half a mile from the landing field. The dead are: Arthur Eden Webster, 19, Kingston, N. Y.; Lieut. Russell Janof, 19, Kingsville, Ont.; Cyril Albert Baker, 20, Kent, England.

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FINANCE—MARKETS

SPECULATORS TAKE MORE HOPEFUL VIEW

Government Statement in Regard to Next Loan Works With Advices From Abroad to Stiffen Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The authoritative statement that all representations concerning the next government loan are mere conjectures and decidedly premature, and signs of a collapse of the peace negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers contributed to the further strength of the stock market today.

Prices, after the preliminary period of uncertainty, advanced 2 to 3 points among leading issues, with greater gains in the various lists of specialties. Technical conditions also were helpful, shorts again covering rather urgently on the increasing scarcity of offerings.

Rails and the more representative industrials moved to highest levels in the afternoon, but shaded a point toward the end.

Sales aggregated 650,000 shares.

With the many large financial operations now under way, the money market continued very firm.

Exchange on France, Russia and Spain moved more in favor of those countries. All foreign bonds augmented yesterday's gains, some by 2 to 4 points. Liberty 4's sld at 97.10 and 97 and the 3½'s at 98.24 t 98.10. Total sales, $7,350,000.

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
Allis-Chalmers	16½	16⅛	16½
Amn. Beet Sugar	65⅝	65	65⅝
Amn. Sugar Rfg.	95	94	94½
Amn. Can. Co., com.	35½	34½	34⅝
Amn. Car Fdy.	63⅝	61⅝	63⅝
Amn. Loco.	49½	48⅝	49⅝
Amn. Smelt. and Ref.	71½	69⅝	70⅝
Amn. T. and T.	99	98⅝	98⅝
Amn. Wool	40	40	40
Anaconda Mining	56¼	54⅝	55½
Agr. Chem.	76⅝	76⅝	76⅝
Atchison	78	77	77⅝
Atlantic Gulf	98½	95	97⅝
Baldwin Loco.	54½	51⅝	54⅝
Balt. and Ohio	41½	40⅝	41⅝
Beth. Steel	70½	67⅝	69⅝
Butte Sup. Min.	15	13⅝	14½
Brooklyn Transit	39	38	39
Canadian Pac.	130½	128½	129⅝
Central Leather	58⅝	56⅝	58⅝
Crucible Steel	49	47⅝	48⅝
Ches. and Ohio	43½	42⅝	43⅝
Chic., Mil. and St. P.	38½	37½	38⅝
Chic., R. I. and Pac.	17	17	17
Colo. Fuel and Iron	33⅝	32	33½
Cons. Gas	81	78	80½
Chino Copper	39	37½	38⅝
Cal. Petro.	10½	10⅝	10⅝
Chile Copper	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Corn Products	29½	28⅝	28⅝
Distillers Sec.	34	32⅝	32⅝
Erie	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Gen. Elec.	123⅝	120½	123⅝
Goodrich	35	34⅝	35
Great Nor. Ore.	24½	23⅝	24½
Granby	66⅝	66	66⅝
Great Nor. pfd.	82¼	80⅝	81⅝
Inspr. Cop.	39⅝	39	39⅝
Int. Nickel	26⅝	25½	26⅝
Int. Mer. Marine	20½	19	19⅝
do pfd	80⅝	77½	78⅝
Illinois Central	96	95⅝	96
Kennecott Copper	30⅝	29¾	30¼
Kan. City So.	16	15⅝	16
Lehigh Valley	52½	51⅝	52½
Lack. Steel	73⅝	72⅝	73⅝
Louis. and N.	107½	105	107½
Maxwell Motors	22⅝	22	22
Midvale Steel	41⅝	40⅝	41⅝
Mex. Petro.	73⅝	69⅝	72
Missouri Pac.	22⅝	22½	22⅝
National Lead	40	40	40
N. Y., N. H. and H.	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝
N. Y. Central	64⅝	63½	63⅝
Norfolk and Western	95⅝	95¼	95⅝
Northern Pac.	77⅝	77⅝	77⅝
Nevada Cons. Copper	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
N. Y. Airbrake	113½	110	113⅝
Pennsylvania R. R.	43	41½	41⅝
Pressed Steel Car	53	52	53
Reading	68⅝	67	68⅝
Ry. Steel Spring	41½	41⅝	41⅝
Ray. Cons. Min.	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Republic Steel	74½	73	73⅝
Southern Pac.	78⅝	77⅝	78
Southern Ry., com.	22⅝	22⅝	22½
do pfd	54	54	54
Studebaker Corp.	45	45	44½
The Texas Co.	124½	117⅝	123½
Union Pac.	104⅝	103⅝	103⅝
Utah Copper	74⅝	73⅝	74⅝
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	110⅝	107⅝	109
U. S. Rubber	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝
U. S. Steel, com.	84⅝	81⅝	82½
do pfd	104	103⅝	103⅝
Virginia Chem.	33	33	33
Western Union	77⅝	78⅝	78⅝
Wabash R. R. Co.	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
do "A"	37⅝	36⅝	37⅝
Willys-Overland	18⅝	17⅝	18⅝
Westinghouse	36	35⅝	36
Anglo-French, Loan	87½	86⅝	87
Burns	111½	108⅝	110½
Amn. Tobacco	128⅝	125⅝	128⅝
United Fruit	108⅝	104½	108
Gen. Motors	91⅝	88	90⅝
Northwestern	86⅝	86	86⅝
Sin. Oil	27	26⅝	26⅝
Cuban Cane Sugar	27	26	26⅝
Ohio Gas	33⅝	32½	32½
Tobacco	45⅝	..	45⅝
United Cigar	86⅝	84⅝	86
Nat. Con.	17½	16	16⅝

NEW YORK CURB MARKET

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Canada Copper	1⅜	1⅝
Standard Silver Lead	⅜	⅜
Wright-Martin Aero.	25	28
Curtiss Aero.	26	28
Mid. West Oil	85	95
do Rfg.	85	97
Chevrolet Motors	85	90
Boston and Montana	37	39
Butte and Balaclava	30	50
Magma Copper	37	40
Ray Hercules	3	3¼
Howe Sound	3⅝	3⅞
Success Mining	3	10
N. A. Pulp	2	2⅜
S. A. Pulp	5	6¼
Shannon	5⅝	5⅞
New Cornelia	14	14½
Submarine Boat	10½	11¼
St. Joseph Lead	12½	14½
United Motors	14½	16
Big Ledge	..	1⅛
Maxims	..	⅛
Kerr Lake	4⅝	5⅛
Merritt Oil	19½	20½
Cosden	6⅝	6⅞
Northwest Oil	50	55
Elk	6⅝	6⅞

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Corn—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	1.27	1.27⅜	1.26⅝	1.27⅜
Jan.	1.25	1.25	1.24⅛	1.24⅜
May	1.25	1.25⅜	1.23⅝	1.23⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	.73½	.73⅝	.74½	.74⅝
May	.72⅝	.73⅝	.72	.72⅝

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MONTREAL STOCKS

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MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—There was no disposition today to follow the advance in Wall Street and transactions were small, at or near the minimum prices. There were a few large lots of Montreal Tramways sold at 24.

The statement issued by the Dominion Bridge Company for the year ended Oct. 31, 1917, was rather disappointing and some talk was heard as to the possibility of a reduction in the dividend rate.

The War Loans were in better demand in sympathy with the marked improvement in the New York foreign bond list.

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Close.
Brazilian Trac.	32	32	32
B. C. Fish	..	..	40
Can. Cement, com.	57	57	57
do pfd	90	90	90
Can. Car Fdy. com.	..	..	18½
do pfd	..	..	49½
Can. S. S. com.	..	..	39½
do pfd	..	..	76
Can. Loco.	..	..	55
Can. Cotton	..	..	40½
Can. Gen. Elec.	..	..	101½
Civic Inv. and Ind.	68½	68½	68½
Cons. M. and S.	25	25	25
Detroit United	..	..	104½
Dom. Bridge	..	..	125
Dom. I. and S.	53½	53½	53½
Dom. Textile	..	..	80½
L. of Woods Mlg.	..	..	125
Laurentide Co.	..	..	153
Laur. Power	..	..	50
Lyall Const. Co.	..	..	62
Maple Leaf Mlg.	..	..	94
Montreal Tram.	24	24	24
Montreal Cotton	..	..	50
MacDonald Co.	..	..	13½
Mackay Co.	..	..	79
N. S. Steel, com.	..	..	58
do pfd	..	..	105½
Ont. Steel Prods.	..	..	22½
Ogilvie Mlg. Co.	..	..	140
Penmans, Ltd.	..	..	65
Quebec Ry.	..	..	15
Riordon Paper	..	..	117½
Shawinigan	..	..	107
Spanish River Pulp	..	..	12
do pfd	..	..	50
Steel of Can.	49½	49½	49½
Toronto Ry.	..	..	66½
Twin City Elec.	..	..	60
Winnipeg Elec.	..	..	60
Wayagamac Pulp	..	..	50
Dom. War Loan (old)	95½	95	95
do 1931	94	93	93½
do 1937	92	92	92

NEW YORK COTTON

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	29.50	29.75	29.46	29.50
March	29.30	29.80	29.05	29.05
May	29.04	29.27	28.81	28.81
July	28.51	28.81	28.30	28.30
Dec.	30.45	30.73	30.45	30.45
Spot	....	....	....	31.10

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Athabasca Oil	$ .30	$ .40
Alberta Petrol	.01	.01½
B. C. Refg.	20.00	...
B. C. Perm.	...	55.00
Blackbird	18.00	...
Caledonia	.45	.50
Canada Copper	1.60	2.00
Crow's Nest	...	55.00
Coronation	...	.05
Granby	66.00	68.00
Great West. Perm.	...	95.00
Howe Sound	3.25	3.75
Hecla	4.75	5.25
Int. Coal	4.75	5.50
McGillivray	.10	...
Pitt Meadows	.10	.15
Rambler-Cariboo	.08	.10
Nabob	.05	.06
Standard	.25	.50
Scratch Gravel	.15	...
Stewart	...	.40
Slocan Star	.02	.03
Success	.07	.10
Trojan Oil	.02½	.03½

NEW YORK BOND MARKET

(Supplied by Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
U. K. 5s, 1918	96¾	96⅞
U. K. 2-year, 5½s, 1919	94¾	95
U. K. 5-year, 1921	87½	88¼
U. K. 1-year, 1918	98¾	98⅞
U. K. 3-year, 1919	96¼	96¾
French 5s	92¾	93
French 5½s	93	93½
Anglo-French 5s	85	85¼
Canadian 5s, 1919	93½	93¾
Canadian 5s, 1921	..	91
Canadian 5s, 1929	88½	89½
Canadian 5s, 1931	88½	88¾
Paris 6s	74½	75

PUBLIC MARKET

The opening of the Christmas season witnessed a large attendance of producers and full lines of all seasonable produce. Excellent display of apples, turkeys, geese, ducks, pork and all seasonable produce. All the stalls are taken for Saturday's market and a record crowd and business is expected. Prices ruled at the following average figures:

Fruit—Pears, 5 lbs., 25c; apples, 3, 10 and 12 lbs., 25c; apples, per box, from $1.25.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, per doz., 65 and 70c; butter, per lb., 50 and 55c; cream cheese, per packet, 20c; Gonda cheese, per lb., from 40c.

Vegetables—No. 1 potatoes, per sack, $2; small potatoes, per sack, $1; tomatoes, per lb., 10c; cabbage, turnips, per lb., 2c; carrots, parsnips, per lb., 2c; cauliflower, from 5c; onions, 8 lbs., 25c; celery, from 3 for 10c; lucullus, bunch, 10c; marrows, from 10c; Christmas trees, from 25c; holly, per lb., 40c.

Meat—Young mutton, lb., 20 to 38c; veal, lb., 18 to 30c; beef, lb., 15 to 35c; pork, lb., 20 to 35c; chicken, lb., 32 to 35c; fowl, lb., 27 to 30c; ducks, lb., 35c; geese, lb., 35c; turkeys, lb., 45 to 50c.

Fish—Cod, lb., 15c; soles, lb., 25c; smelts, lb., 12c; fresh herring, lb., 7c; smoked black cod, lb., 20c; smoked black cod, imp., 7c; kippers, lb., 15c; bloaters, lb., 10c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—The session of the grain market here today was quiet and there was practically no feature to the trading. The cash oats situation was unchanged, with spreads the same as on Thursday. There was a good demand for cash barley, with a fair number of buyers in the market. Prices were firm and offerings insufficient to meet requirements. The cash flax situation was about the same, with spreads unchanged, and the demand from crushers was on a par with previous days. There was no change in the wheat situation. There were few buyers for Nos. 4, 5 and 6 grades, with offerings very light. The Wheat Export Company continues to pick up all that is offered at the ruling prices.

Oats closed ⅜ lower for December, May closed 1⅛ lower and July 1⅛ lower. Barley closed 1 lower for December, May ½ lower. Flax closed 3 lower for December, January 6 lower and May 3⅞ lower.

Oats—Old contract:	Open.	Close.
May	..	82⅝
New contract:		
December	80½	79⅝
May	83⅝-⅝	82⅝
July	..	82⅝
Barley—		
December	135	135
May	144	143½
Flax—		
December	310	307
January	..	309
May	308	306½

Cash prices: Oats—No. 2 C. W., 80½; 3 C. W., 78⅝; extra 1 feed, 78⅝; 1 feed, 77⅝; 2 feed, 76⅝.

Barley—No. 3 C. W., 135; 4 C. W., 130; rejected and feed, 116.

Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., 309; 2 C. W., 304; 3 C. W., 287.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Bar silver, 43⅝d per ounce. Money, 4 per cent. Discount rates: Short bills, 4¾ per cent; three months' bills, 4⅞ per cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Time loans steady; 60 days, 90 days and six months, 5¾ per cent. Call money strong; high, 6; low, 6; ruling rate, 6; closing bid, 5¾; offered at 6; last loan, 6 per cent. Mercantile paper, 5¾ to 6¼. Sterling: Sixty-day bills, 4.71¾; demand, 4.75⅜; cables, 4.76 7-16. Francs: Demand, 5.72¾; cables, 5.71¼. Guilders: Demand, 43⅛; cables, 44⅛. Lires: Demand, 8.33; cables, 8.31. Roubles: Demand, 12¾; cables, 13⅛. Bar silver, 86⅝. Mexican dollars, 66⅞. Government bonds firm; railroad bonds strong.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Lead firm; spot, $6.70 bid. Spelter firm; East St. Louis delivery, spot, $7.50 bid.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Copper—Spot, £110; futures, £110. Spot tin, £308 10s.; futures, £299 10s., up £1 10s.; Straits, £309 10s., up £1. Lead—Spot, £30 10s.; futures, £29 10s. Spelter—Spot, £54; futures, £50, unchanged.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The egg market was unchanged today; butter firm; cheese quiet.

Cheese — Finest Westerns, 21¾; finest Easterns, 21¼.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 44 to 44½; seconds, 43 to 43½.

Eggs—Fresh, 54 to 55; selected, 46; No. 1 stock, 42; No. 2 stock, 38 to 39.

MANUFACTURERS' ASSN. SUPPORTS PROTEST

B. C. Organization With Vancouver Headquarters Backs Local Board of Trade's Attitude Regarding C. N. R.

Some weeks ago the Board of Trade of this city registered a definite protest with the Dominion Government following its taking over the control of the Canadian Northern Railway, against the non-completion of the covenant with the people of the Province of British Columbia in respect to the portion of its line on Vancouver Island. This action has now been given direct support of the Manufacturer's Association of British Columbia in a letter to the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways, at Ottawa, as follows:

"Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 17, 1917.

"Dear Sir,—As the Government of Canada has taken over the control of the Canadian Northern Railway, this Association feels that some of the conditions in connection with this railway should be brought to the attention of the Government, especially in so far as Vancouver Island and the City of Victoria is concerned.

"You are aware that by an agreement made between the Government of the Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Northern Railway, dated June 17, 1910, the Canadian Northern Railway contracted to include the city of Victoria in their system with an extension to Barclay Sound, and also contracted to provide first class passenger and mail service through some harbor in or near the city of Victoria.

"It was also understood in this agreement that the Canadian Northern Railway would establish terminals and workshops in the City of Victoria, all of said work to be completed prior to July 1, 1914.

"The Canadian Northern Railway Company completed this line to the Pacific some two years ago, and ran a through special train carrying senators and members of Parliament to the Coast. So far as Vancouver Island is concerned, however, the work has not been completed, and we would ask that the Government take completion of the work immediately into consideration, as it was provided by the said agreement that the work on Vancouver Island should proceed concurrently with the work on the Mainland and be completed by July 1, 1914.

"The non-completion of contract on Vancouver Island is causing and has caused considerable disappointment to the citizens of Victoria and to settlers along the right-of-way of the Canadian Northern Railway on Vancouver Island, and it is confidently expected that the Government, now having taken control of this railway, will proceed immediately to carry out the covenants of the Canadian Northern Railway in so far as Vancouver Island is concerned.

"This letter is written by this Association endorsing the action and correspondence of the Board of Trade, Victoria, and in addition represents the opinion of the manufacturers of the whole Province of British Columbia, and we would esteem it a favor if you could give us some assurance that the question will be thoroughly investigated, and if complaint is well-founded that the Government will see its way to remove the complaint, and carry out the agreement entered into by the Canadian Northern Railway Company and Government of the Province of British Columbia.

"(Signed) JAMES HART.
"Secretary M.A. of B.C.)."

NORTHERN CROWN BANK
HEAD OFFICE, WINNIPEG

DIVIDEND NO. 18

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the six months ending November 30, 1917, and that same will be payable at its Banking House in this city, and at all its Branches on or after the 2nd day of January, 1918, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of December, 1917. The Transfer Books of the Bank will be closed from the 17th day of December to the 31st day of December, both inclusive.

By order of the board.
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General Manager.

Winnipeg, November 13th, 1917.

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RED CROSS WORK

Christmas Party Was Success

The committee of the Oak Bay Red Cross branch has extended its thanks to all who helped to make the entertainment on Thursday a success. The proceeds, including $24 from the sale of raffle tickets for the doll's house, amounted to $128. Especial thanks have been tendered Mr. J. A. Virtue, manager of the Oak Bay Hotel, and his staff, and to the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

Pte. Ball Wins Cushion

The drawing for the raffle of the cushion donated to the Red Cross Society by Mrs. Simmons took place yesterday afternoon, the winning ticket being No. 132, held by Pte. Ball, of 907 Government Street.

Dance at Empress Hotel, Dec. 27

Tickets for the dance to be given in the Empress Hotel on December 27, in aid of the Red Cross funds, are much in demand, and the affair promises to be one of the most enjoyable held this season. The entertainment committees of the Hollywood and Fairfield Red Cross branches, under which auspices it is being held, are exerting every effort to insure its success. For those who prefer cards to dancing, tables will be arranged in adjoining rooms, and a buffet supper will be served.

Muggins Collects $475 Yesterday

Mrs. Woodward's clever little Spitz pomeranian, "Muggins," paid a visit yesterday to the various boats in the harbor and collected $475 from passengers on the Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and an Oriental liner. This was a record day's business for the clever little dog and will augment the funds of the Red Cross Society considerably. This amount brings his total collections for patriotic funds, to date, to $6,000.

The Hollywood and Fairfield branch of the Red Cross Society is arranging to give a dance at the Empress Hotel on December 27, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Halifax Relief Fund. Tickets are already on sale at a number of the leading business places of the city and the fact that the demand has begun indicates that the event will be well patronised. The dancing will be from 8:30 to 1 o'clock.

Superfluities Christmas Raffles

The raffles conducted by the Superfluities Red Cross branch for the past few weeks concluded last evening, when the drawing for the various collections took place at the shop in the Belmont Block. The results were as follows: Toy raffle—First, doll's carriage, Mrs. Cox, Central Avenue, No. 47; second, doll, R. McDowall, 231 Moss Street, No. 25; third, Meccano set, Miss Lancaster, 194 Joseph Street, No. 175; fourth, candy store, Mrs. Sorenson, 76 Dallas Road, No. 266. Aeroplane, Mr. Warder, Stanley Avenue, No. 473; gun and ammunition wagon, Vincent Dawson, No. 108; doll exhibited in Empire Realty window, B. Fraser, 621 Simcoe Street, No. 420.

The winning numbers in the Christmas raffles were as follows: First, 937; 2nd, 1642; 3rd, 33; 4th, 3312; 5th, 1411; 6th, 2254; 7th, 3458; 8th, 3881; 9th, 1277; 10th, 3397; 11th, 4442; 12th, 1907; 13th, 16068; 14th, 4453; 15th, 3948; 16th, 357; 17th, 1590; 18th, 710; 19th, 532; and 20th, 902.

The holders of the winning tickets may obtain their prizes by calling at the Superfluities Shop in the Belmont Block today or Monday. The shop will remain open on Christmas Eve until 11 o'clock to permit winners to claim their prizes before the holiday.

A local turkey, donated by Mrs. Luke Pither, is to be raffled on Monday at noon. Tickets are selling at the Superfluities Shop for 25 cents. The bird weighs 13 pounds.

NEWSPAPER SEEKS SLANDER DAMAGES

CALGARY, Dec. 21.—A writ has been issued here against G. L. Munns, a local real estate dealer, at the instance of The Morning Albertan. The newspaper asked for unstated damages on the grounds of slander.

During the evening services at the Methodist church last Sunday night, the officiating minister, the Rev. G. Fallis, preached on the subject of the Union Government and why his congregation should endorse the policies of the Union. During his remarks, he mentioned The Halifax Chronicle and The Morning Albertan as two of the leading Canadian journals endorsing the Government. He then remarked:

"Are these papers bought by the Union forces? Does anyone here believe that our Morning Albertan has been bought?"

G. L. Munns rose up and remarked: "I believe that The Morning Albertan has been bought."

"Then," remarked the Rev. Mr. Fallis, "you are the man The Albertan is looking for, and you probably will hear from them tomorrow."

The congregation then applauded.

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PARIS, Dec. 21.—V. Antonesco, the Roumanian Minister here, has issued the following statement concerning the situation on the Roumanian front:

"The armistice was simply a measure of military order imposed on us through the Roumanian front being entirely enclosed within the Russian front. It would be a mistake to make a political deduction from it. Roumania intends to remain faithful to her alliances and to work until the end with the Allies."

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

MARRIAGES

LEHMAN—GODSON—Thursday, December 20, at Christ Church Cathedral, by the Very Rev. Dean Quainton, Mary Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lehman, to Walter Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Godson, both of Victoria.

DEATHS

HOLMES—On Dec. 20, 1917, at the residence, 1521 Fort Street, Arthur Colquhoun Holmes, a native of Halldon, Yorkshire, England, aged 55 years.

The funeral will take place on Saturday from Christ Church Cathedral, where service will be held at 3 p.m. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Federal Labor Union (15,475) will be held Friday, December 28, K. of P. Hall, 8 o'clock.

Foresters' Whist Drive, Saturday night, for soldiers' comforts. A Christmas roast given by Mr. Waye, James Bay Meat Market, and other splendid prizes and refreshments. Admission 25c.

"J" Unit Chapter is holding a dance in aid of returned soldiers, on New Year's Eve, in the Alexandra. Dancing 8:30 to 1. Tickets 50c.

The Gaelic Society will hold a dance in the Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, on Monday, 24th, at 8 p.m.

Alaska Junk Company beg to thank their many customers for their patronage during past five years, as we are moving to Vancouver on January 1.

Lodge Britannia, No. 314, L. O. B. A., dance in aid of the Halifax Relief Fund, K. of P. Hall (North Park Street), on Tuesday, January 1, 1918. Buffet supper; dancing 9 till 1. Professor Heaton's orchestra. Tickets 50c each.

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WANTED—Bellboy, over 18. Apply Dominion Hotel.

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WANTED—Cylinder pressfeeder, at The Colonist.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

AT The Ladies' Agency—Cooks, $35, $30; parlormaid, $20; housemaid, $25; cook-generals, $25, $30; general, half day, $10; lady help, $20; nursemaid, $20; generals, mother's helps, $15, $20; experienced waitresses. Apply 426 Sayward Bldg.

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WANTED—Experienced waitress. Holly's Restaurant, 632 Fort Street.

WANTED—An experienced lady as matron in a boys' school. Apply Box 708, Colonist.

WANTED—Day nurse for child of two years. Phone 4961L.

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AN experienced salesman, thoroughly familiar with Vancouver Island, wishes position; best of references. Box 687, Colonist.

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ATTENTION! — Mrs. Hunt, wardrobe dealer, of Winnipeg, and Calgary, is open to buy and sell high-class ladies', gents' and children's clothing, evening and party dresses; special offers for gentlemen's clothes. We pay spot cash to any amount. Business done strictly private. Mrs. Hunt will call herself to any address, or call at 812 Johnson Street, second house up from Blanshard. Phone 4021.

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ATTENTION—Sell your discarded clothes direct to the largest dealers in the city. We pay best prices. You will prove yourself by phoning 2192, 1324 Government Street.

A CALL to Shaw & Co., phone 401, will bring to your door our buyer, lady or gentleman, to purchase your discarded clothing.

ANY old bicycle bought; repairing done. 620 Johnson Street. Phone 3981; evening phone 4118L.

ANTIQUES—At ye sign of ye Old Curiosity Shoppe, 813 Fort Street, ye can buy or sell antique furniture, old china, glass, silver and pictures; cabinet making, repairing and polishing. Phone Pepin, 5431.

BEST prices paid for gent's castoff clothing. A. Landa, 1409 Store Street, phone 2007.

CASH paid for old bicycles and parts in any condition. Also motorcycles and parts. Phone 1747. Victor Cycle Works, 574 Johnson Street.

DON'T sell your furniture till you have our fair offer in spot cash. Magnet, 650 Fort. Phone 3114.

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OLD false teeth and bridgework bought, any condition; highest cash prices sent by return mail. Post to Mrs. Dunstone, 1459 Georgia Street W., Vancouver, B. C. Established 27 years.

RETURNED soldier will call and buy gent's cast-off clothing. Phone 2907, or call 704 Yates Street.

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THE Victoria Second-Hand Crockery Store buys and sells anything. 630 Johnson Street. Phone 3981. Evening phone 4118L.

WANTED to rent or purchase at once, invalid's chair. Apply 3231 Oak Street, end Douglas Street car line.

WANTED—Wood decoys. State kind, price and quantity. Box 806, Colonist.

WE pay top prices for clothing, furniture, stoves, old teeth, and anything of value. Call anywhere, any time. Phone 2215.

WANTED—One wheel chair, must be in good condition. State price to Box 743, Colonist.

WANTED—Upright piano for cash; no dealers. Phone 2592.

WANTED—Underwood typewriter; must be in good condition. Box 854, Colonist.

WANTED—Furniture, stoves, ranges, etc., highest prices paid. Also a full line on sale. Call Kerr's, 1326 Government.

WANTED—Old brass, copper, lead, rubber, feathers, sacks, iron, etc. Also any kind second-hand goods. Canadian Junk Co., 525 Johnson Street. Phone 5093.

WANTED—Cabinet gramophone. Phone 1598L.

WANTED—Good household furniture of all kinds for spot cash. Phone 1452.

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, bottles, sacks, rubber, etc. We buy and sell everything and anything. Phone 1332. City Junk Company, H. Aaronson, 552 Johnson Street. Residence phone 5064L.

WANTED—Third or quarter horse motor, single phase, alternating; cash. 373 Beechwood Avenue, phone 1078R.

WE pay top prices for clothing, furniture, stoves, old teeth, anything. Call any address. Phone 2215.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

DESK room in nice bright front office, as good as ground floor; with typewriter and phone. Apply 24 Winch Building.

MODERN, fire-proof offices centrally located, including heat, light, water and janitor service; rents reasonable. Apply The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg.

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CHERRY Bank — First-class boarding house; hot water heating; central location, 719 Quadra Street, Church Hill.

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VERNON Home, 926 Humboldt—First-class rooms; board optional; steam heat; open fireplaces. Phone 4237L.

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GENTLEMAN desires room and board near sea. Box 533, Colonist.

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A FURNACE-heated large front room, cooking privileges. 561 Michigan St.

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APPLY 544 Dallas Road for housekeeping suites.

AT 981 BURDETT, furnished housekeeping rooms. Phone 4660L.

APPLY 831 Simcoe Street; modern housekeeping suites.

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CARLTON Apartments, 711 Pandora—Furnished, centrally located, hot water and steam heated. Room 5, or phone 3731.

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FURNISHED rooms with or without; private bath, running hot and cold water; every accommodation. Enquire 817 McClure Street.

TO Rent—Well-furnished bedroom, and if desired, private sitting-room with grate and piano, in furnace-heated house; private family; walking distance. Phone 1499L.

TO RENT—HOUSES

CHARMING house, hardwood floors, Fairfield, rent $22.50. Apply E. E. Heath, 1212 Douglas Street.

FOR Rent—Comfortable 3-roomed cottage, with quarter acre of land, fruit trees; good well; city water also laid on. 836 Roderick Street; rent $6 per month. Phone 11, D. Fraser, Colonist.

IF you have a house to rent or want to rent a house see us. The Griffith Co., Hibben-Bone Building.

SIX-room house and 3 lots; stable; cement floor; chicken house. 2732 Work Street. Phone 2918R.

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TO Rent—Four-room house, good garden. Apply to owner, 1160 Chapman Street.

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WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—Five or six rooms, furnished bungalow, at once. Apply 830, Colonist.

TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES

BEAUTIFUL home on Rockland Avenue, fully furnished. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg.

EIGHT rooms in nice locality. Phone 4436R.

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SMALL furnished cottage, $7 monthly. 1903 Chambers.

FURNISHED HOUSES WANTED

WANTED—Five-room furnished house, close to carline; no children. Box 416, Colonist.

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AUTOMOBILE, value $200, in exchange for good furniture. Box 682, Colonist.

BUNGALOW with large lot, well assorted fruit trees and small fruits, and well assorted flower garden, in city. Owner will exchange for general store on Island, Islands or Lower Mainland. Apply E. E. Heath, 1213 Douglas Street, Victoria.

EXCHANGE clear title waterfront lot, Deep Cove, for car. Box 804, Colonist.

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MONEY to Loan—Advertiser has $2,500 to loan on improved property, bonds, stock or good commercial papers. Box 842, Colonist.

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A SURE way of cutting down your feed bill. Now is the time to sell your poultry. Phone 4344. Highest cash paid.

A VISIT to our stall will convince you that we have the best poultry display of every description for your Xmas dinner. Rockside Poultry Farm Stall, Victoria Public Market.

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A FEW good singing canaries for sale. 1003 Cook Street.

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FOR Sale—One good driving horse. Apply Mrs. Miller, Goldstream Hotel.

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FOR Sale—First-Class Jersey grade cow, 5 years old; time up; Government tested; gentle and easily milked. A. W. Bowman, Ardmore, Sidney, B. C.

FOR Sale—2 cows, 4 and 5 years old; one milking full, the other 4½ gallons. 3126 Ross Street.

FOR Sale—Four Tom Barron White Leghorn cockerels. Wilson, Cadboro Bay P. O., Victoria.

FOR sale—Singing canaries. 2848 Shakespeare Street.

FOR Sale—Three Airedale pups, males, three months old, pedigreed sire, "Kitchener," by "Bachelor's Boy"; dam, "Patsy," by "Lady Madeline." $10 each. Phone 5476Y1.

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POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK
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SEE our special display of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens at the Rockside Poultry Farm Stall, Victoria Public Market, Dec. 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 31.

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WANTED—Good milch cows. Full particulars. Box 324, Colonist.

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FOUND—Bicycle on McClure Street, Friday, 14th. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply 875 McClure Street.

FOUND—A place to get turkeys cheap. Join our billiard or snooker handicap and get a bird for 25c. Broad Street Billiard Hall, near Yates Street.

LOST—Wednesday, a bunch of keys on ring. Finder kindly leave at Box 535, Colonist.

LOST—On Monday, a small oldfashioned brooch with hair in centre surrounded with garnets. Reward. Box 818, Colonist.

LOST—On Douglas or Fort Street, fountain pen. Reward. 1333 Douglas St.

LOST—On Esquimalt car, Thursday noon, small grey purse containing ten dollar bill. Return to Mrs. McNutt, 732 Admiral's Road, phone 1075R1. Reward.

LOST—Friday afternoon in Royal Victoria Theatre, lady's handbag (black), containing money and glasses. Finder please return to Box 861, Colonist. Reward.

LOST—Crank handle for Chevrolet on Sunday, near Sidney. Please leave at Sidney Trading Co., or phone 3156, Victoria.

LOST—Black leather handbag, containing money and spectacles, between Gordon Drysdale's and Gordons, Limited, or in Gordons, Friday afternoon. Phone Colquitz, 17L.

LOST—Thursday afternoon, gold link bracelet. Finder please return to manager Bank of Montreal. Good reward.

LOST—On Thursday afternoon between North Park and Quadra Streets, $9 in bills, by soldier's wife who can ill afford to lose same. Finder please return to 1811 Quadra Street. Reward.

LOST—From D. P. W. rock cutter, No. 1, small launch painted grey, Perfection engine, painted green. Any information regarding same will be received at Government wharf, foot of Broughton Street, or phone 3539. Anyone harboring same after this date will be prosecuted.

LOST—Small black purse containing sum of money, on Government Street. Reward. Phone 5067L.

LOST—Silk bag, Fisgard Street, Wednesday; some change, gold watch; number on keys, 1015 Fisgard. Mrs. Lee Choung. Reward.

LOST—On Monday, gentleman's single stone diamond ring; owner can identify. Reward. Phone 1737 before 6 p.m., 1446L after 6 p.m.

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LOST—Last week on Collinson or Douglas, gold watch, marked E. E. F., in leather bracelet; valued keepsake. Return to Box 753, Colonist. Reward.

LOST—Black leather purse on Head Street or Esquimalt Road, Saturday. Reward offered. Please return F. B. Pemberton, Fort Street.

LOST—Bottom part of Ford coal oil lamp; 50c reward. 531 Superior St.

SMALL diary in A. B. C; lettered; corner Johnson and Cormorant; please return New England Hotel.

PERSONAL

This is the deed that Dibble did:
This is the box of high-grade chox
For which the people come in flox,
Down to the Market that Dibble knox
And wants to see it on the rox.
But he won't till all his jet black lox
Are white as our peppermint Edin. rox.
The terrible deeds that Dibble did.

This is the merchant whose excellent stox
Include a lot of the famous chox,
Who believes in boosts instead of knox,
Or the terrible deeds that Dibble does.
He knows that his customers never buy
The chocolates piled on the shelves nearby,
But always the people will come again
If his goods are bearing the magic name—
Hamsterley.

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MADAME CERRA has closed her tea at the Gorge and is located at 220 Craigflower Road for the Winter months. Phone 2860.

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ONLY A FEW DAYS
—UNTIL XMAS—

NOW that you've purchased the large portion of your gifts, a good suggestion for the final gift and yet the most appreciated by all young ladies is a box of Phillips' famous Home-Made Chocolates. As a gift you will do well to call and look over our large assortment of fancy Xmas boxes. Call and place your order and we will deliver it to any part of the city without extra charge; prices ranging from 30c per box up.

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TAKE Notice that Wm. Dunford & Son, Limited, intend to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, one month after date, for approval of change of its name to Dunford's Limited. Victoria, B.C., October 22, 1917. J. G. Dunford, president.

AUTOMOBILES

AN Auto Snap—1916 Ford, model T, 5-passenger, new tires, electric lights, side curtains, seat covers; has had $80 complete overhaul; will take $390 cash. May be seen at Cameron Autos, 931 Superior Street.

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BUY her this car for Xmas—Five-passenger, electric lights, self starter, in fine order, just thoroughly overhauled and repainted like new; three new tires and three spares; sweet in oil, and can be bought for a fraction of first cost; must sell. Phone 393.

FOR Sale—Overland, 1912, $300; will take motorcycle as part payment. Phone 5597L.

FOR Sale—Complete set of 34x4 Rim wheels, demountable rims and spare, price $40; also Presto tank, windshield, headlights. Cameron, 931 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings.

FOR Sale—Ford roadster, late model, $375; terms. Box 635, Colonist.

AUTOMOBILES
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BUY new and save money—Cadillac, 1916 model, 7-passenger, electric lights, electric starter, Firestone demountable rims, one-man top, like a new car. For particulars and trial see Cameron, 831 Superior Street, behind Parliament Bldgs.

FOR Sale—1918 5-passenger Chevrolet, run only three months. Your chance to get a new car at several hundred dollars off. Act quick if you want this snap. Cameron, 831 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings. Phone 1071.

FOR Sale—1918 Cadillac in good condition. Enquire Parker's Garage, Belleville Street.

FORD repairs; engines thoroughly overhauled, from $15.00; rear axles, $7.00; transmission bands relined, $1.50; workmanship guaranteed. Arthur Dandridge, 834-836 Yates Street, next Dominion Theatre.

IF you study economy these times and require the very best workmanship, you will send your auto radiator, fenders, lamps, or any damaged metal part to Burgess Bros., Auto Sheet Metal Workers, 1101 Government Street. Phone 2287.

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I will satisfactorily fix it. My factory experience has been exceptional, and I place my expert knowledge at your service. Reasonable storage in our heated garage.

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WANTED—cheap, motor cycle. Phone 5236L.

1912 EXCELSIOR motorcycle, $65. Phone 1480.

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ROLLER skates, swinging clubs, dumbbells, footballs, .22 rifles, bicycles and sundries.
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NEW steel cycles for the youngsters, only $15. Make your cycle into a motorcycle, only $60. Delta electric lamps $3.75, carbide lamps $2.75 to $6.00. Massey and Indian cycles, roller skates and coaster wagons. Plimley's Cycle Store, 611 View Street.

PLAY safe with your tire dollars. Get one you can rely on from Ruffle, The Cycle Man. 740 Yates. Phone 863.

TAKE NOTICE

WE have got in stock at present thirty-five second-hand bicycles with new tires and tubes, at $12.50 up to $30. Just arrived large number of 1918 new bicycles. Victor Cycle Works, 574 Johnson Street. Phone 461.

YOU must come in and see those new and second-hand bicycles. Gramophone records from 50c. Buy the boy a lamp for Xmas. We can supply from $1.50. Godfree, the Bicycle Specialist, 582-584 Yates Street (next Princess).

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CHIMNEY Sweep—Lloyd. Phone 2183R. Fifteen years' experience in Victoria.

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O. ISE, tailor and cleaner, 642 Broughton. Branches: Monarch Cleaners, 1016 Blanshard Street, also Kobe Steam Dye Works, 1309 Blanshard Street. Our three shops are at your service. Phone 2494-R and 1916.

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DANCING

CON-A-MORA Assemblies every Tuesday evening at Alexandra. Public. Mrs. Boyd. Phone. Guard's orchestra.

DANCE every Saturday evening at Alexandra, under management of Mrs. Boyd. Ladies, 25c; gents, 50c. Guard's orchestra.

FAY'S School of Dancing, 831 Fort St.—Fay, late of the Alhambra Ballet, London; Operatic Toe, Russian and Italian Ballet, Oriental and classic dances. Children taken from 6 years up. Several pupils successful this year as solo dancers. For particulars apply 3 to 5 p.m.

MISS Lena Coleworth, pupil of Veronine Vestoff, Russian Imperial Ballet; children's classes, Saturday mornings; juniors 10 to 11 a.m.; advanced, 11 to 12:30 p.m. Alexandra House, phone 512.

MODERN ballroom dancing taught; private terms. Phone 2105L.

MRS. SIMPSON announces: Adults' class, Monday night; young students' club, Friday night; children's class, Saturday afternoon, 2:30. Private lessons on application, 631 St. John St., mornings. New Hippodrome Hall, corner Blanshard and View Streets.

PRIVATE dancing lessons taught at Alexandra Ballroom. Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Phone. Studio 510 Campbell Build.

VICTORIA'S New Dancing Academy, The Hippodrome, open every Wednesday and Saturday; dancing commencing at 8:45. Gents, 50c; ladies, 25c. Everybody welcome. Blanshard and View Street.

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Dated this 13th December, 1917.
[illegible] SARGISON,
Secretary.

LEGAL, OFFICIAL AND BUSINESS NOTICES

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia may be leased for a term of 21 years, renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5, George V., assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of Interior.

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WELLINGTON COLLIERY RAILWAY CO.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Rooms 312 to 319 Pemberton Building, corner of Fort and Broad Streets in the City of Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1918, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of Directors of said Company for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business connected with and incidental to the undertaking of the Railway Company that may be dealt with at an Annual General Meeting of its Shareholders.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 7th day of December, 1917.

HENRY BROWNING.
Secretary of the Wellington Colliery Railway Company.

CALL TO-COLORS COMES ON JAN. 3

Men of First Draft for Service Will Receive Their Notices Within Few Days—Ample Time Given.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Men called to colors on January 3 as the first draft under the military service act will receive their notices within the next few days.

Instructions have been issued by the Military Service Council to the registrars in all military districts other than District No. 6 (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) to issue notice immediately to the men now available for service. Men will report for duty to the depot battalions as directed by the notice.

As many men as the district headquarters can handle will be summoned for January 3, and the balance day by day in such numbers as is convenient. The number thus called up will be considerably more than 15,000. Under existing conditions the publication of the exact number of troops about to be trained in Canada for service overseas or of the strength and composition, by stations of units and detachments, is not regarded as advisable from a military point of view.

Mr. Lennie's Statement

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21—With regard to telegraphic items in connection with the calling up of men of the first class on January 3 next, Registrar Lennie stated this morning that while the date had been finally decided upon the notices to the men affected here have not been sent out yet. He said he thought the notices would be ready within a few days. Ample time will be given the men to leave their positions and explicit directions will be provided as to the time and place where they are to report. It is said that the first draft in this province will consist of 1,500 men, and that the remainder of eligible under the first call will be called at the rate of 500 per month until the total of 5,000 has been reached.

This morning Mr. Lennie held a conference with Major E. A. Seeley Smith, of General Leckie's staff in Victoria as to the handling of men at the depot battalions after January 3. He was not prepared today to issue a statement for publication.

BILLY SUNDAY LANDS ON AGGRESSIVE GERMAN

Exciting Incident at Evangelist's Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia—Not Fought to a Finish

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Before a screaming, yelling audience of thousands of men and women at the Tabernacle last night, Billy Sunday, when nearing the close of his revival here, fought a fast and furious fist fight with a German sympathiser on the platform. While the exchange of blows was about even, Billy had decidedly the better of the argument before the crowd near the platform separated the contestants. His attack came just after the evangelist had begun a vigorous attack on the Germans and their allies in this war. He had just said that he "did not think God would be on the side of a dirty bunch that would stand aside and see a Turk outrage a woman." At this point there came cries of "Look out!" and "Stop him!" and the man pushed his way past Sunday workers, who were trying to keep him off the platform, and advanced threateningly on the evangelist. Turning to see the cause of the interruption, Sunday crouched like a prize fighter, and, looking like a ring general, launched an attack on the intruder. Billy led for the face and missed; the stranger, who outweighed Billy 50 pounds at least, landed a glancing blow on the face. Then Billy countered with heavy wallops to the body and head, and the crowd was on the platform and tore the fighters apart.

Gen. Leman Freed

ZURICH, Dec. 21.—General Leman, the Belgian officer who commanded the Liege forts when the Germans invaded Belgium, arrived here today. General Leman, in talking with the British consul, said: "I have undergone three years' captivity, but I have had two faithful companions which I bring back with me to Switzerland—hope and faith."

Mining in British Columbia
By E. JACOBS

The Dominion publication, Conservation, points out that the largest reserves of coal in Canada are in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia.

The Cariboo Observer of 15th inst. stated that Mr. John Hopp the well-known mining man of Barkerville accompanied by Mr. Melbourne Bailey his superintendent passed through Quesnel the fore part of the week en route to Uncle Sam's domain for the winter. In conversation with The Observer, Mr. Bailey expressed satisfaction with the output of the past season, and also said they had been able to pipe two of their claims the last week in November, an experience they had never enjoyed before. The soft spell at that time gave them an abundance of water.

Results of the Strike at Trail

Now that it is reported the strike of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.'s employees at its smelting works and refineries at Trail has been settled by the men going back to work on the same conditions as before they struck, it may be well to look at some of the direct results of their untimely and ill-advised action.

The Trail News, commenting editorially on the situation, said: "Possibly some do not realize the far-reaching effects of the walk-out which took place on November 15 at the Consolidated Co.'s smelting works and refineries at Trail. Not only were some 1,500 men directly affected at the Trail works alone, but as many more probably at the company's several mines at Rossland, Kimberley, and other places. Then the Slocan, East Kootenay, and Revelstoke mines rely on this smeltery as a market for their ores, and they must necessarily close as well as some 30 American mines, and some in Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, and the Yukon. Altogether about 150 mines are adversely affected.

"It has been estimated that upward of 5,000 men are directly thrown out of employment, affecting say some 20,000 people in all. Economically it means a loss to the Kootenay districts of about $500,000 a month in payrolls, the railway lines, steamboat traffic, and all inter-related business feeling the pinch more and more as the days pass. Thus the walk-out for an eight-hour day spells stagnation to this entire community, and it will naturally continue to grow more acute as time goes on, if a solution cannot be found."

Notes from Yukon Territory

The following news notes have been taken from the Weekly Star, of Whitehorse, Southern Yukon, of the 7th inst.:

Robert Lowe has nearly completed his contract for hauling ore from the Big Thing mine to the White Pass railway at Carcross.

Information has been received at Dawson that Col. Joseph Boyle of that city had been decorated at Petrograd by General Korniloff with the order of St. Stanislaus for distinguished service in the transportation department of the Russian army in Galicia and Roumania.

No. 2 and No. 4 dredges, belonging to the Canadian Klondike Gold Mining Company, which for some time have been dredging for gold on the Klondike River between the mouths of Bonanza and Bear Creeks, are still being operated, although the thermometer shows the temperature to be down to 50 deg. below zero.

Mr. Harold Blankman, a prominent business man of Dawson, and one of the argonauts of the Klondike rush, arrived at Whitehorse on December 4 from the outside on his return to the Yukon interior to undertake the receivership of the Canadian Klondike Gold Mining Company, of which Mr. J. W. Boyle is the head.

The navigation season having been closed by the freezing over of Lake Labarge and Yukon River, travel between Whitehorse and Dawson is now by stage. On December 3 a stage from Dawson reached Whitehorse, and among the passengers it brought was Mr. W. C. Lawson assistant to Superintendent McCarthy of the Yukon Gold Company.

Gold Mining During the War

Under the heading, "Is Gold Mining Necessary During the War?" Mr. J. Parke Channing, of New York City, one of the leading mining engineers of the United States, wrote recently to Engineering and Mining Journal, as follows:

"I understand that there is a movement afoot to ask Government officials and Congress to adjust the war tax so as to stimulate gold production in the United States. I ask, Is this action wise? Do we really need to produce gold to help win the war? Is it not coal, iron, copper, lead, spelter, and possibly silver, that we need? Is it not better that our gold miners, for the duration of the war at least, engage in mining those things that we really need?

"I observe that the president of the Dome Mines, Ltd., operating in Northern Ontario, has issued a notice to the stockholders and the public stating that, on account of the high cost of supplies and the difficulty of securing labor, their gold mines will cease production for the present.

"It may be quoted in objection to my point that Great Britain is doing all it can to stimulate gold production in the Rand. I am quite willing to admit the sentimental or even the commercial value of increasing the gold reserves of Great Britain, but I doubt if it would encourage the production of that metal in Great Britain itself. It is very different in South Africa, where there is an organization engaged in producing gold which has no other industry upon which it can fall back, but in the United States and Canada it does not seem to me that these conditions exist."

Flotation is of National Interest

The considerable and very costly litigation in the United States brought about by the Minerals Separation Company or its auxiliaries to prevent the unlicensed use of flotation in the concentration of ores, and the possibility of there being a similar course taken in Canada to limit the use of this modern and effective process to only those who will consent to work under licence from these holders of flotation patents and on their restrictive terms and conditions, are compelling attention to the situation so far as it threatens to prejudicially affect the mining industry of Canada. Already the somewhat grasping and even unreasonable attitude of the Minerals Separation Company has been found to be irksome if not preventive so far as the successful operations of some mines is concerned. There are several mining companies in British Columbia working under licence from the United States branch of the Minerals Separation Company, while in Ontario, where adverse action has been threatened, there is an agitation to endeavor to prevent the holding of the monopoly Minerals Separation Company, insists it is entitled to. Much controversy has taken place in the leading mining journals of the United States, and now newspapers and other publications in Canada also are giving much space to statements and contentions in connection with this vexed question.

Conservation, in its annual meeting number just received, prints the following comment by Sir Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Commission of Conservation, Canada:

"A company, known as the Minerals Separation Company, claims to be entitled to all the rights to the important method of concentrating ore known as the flotation process. Undoubtedly this process can be used much more extensively in Canada with great profit. It is said that the company is making exorbitant and unreasonable demands with respect to the use of the process, and within the last few months an acute situation has arisen.

"Apart from the legal and financial questions, under present circumstances the claims which are being made undoubtedly tend to interfere with production of essential minerals, and, therefore, are a detriment to our operations in connection with the war. It is not my province to express an opinion in regard to the merits of the dispute which has arisen or the suggestion that the Minerals Separation Company has alien enemy affiliation, but I have no hesitation in saying that the whole case is one which demands prompt and careful examination by competent and unprejudiced authority on behalf of the Government in order that the situation may be satisfactorily cleared up. I am told that the Canadian patents of the Minerals Separation Company are all granted under Section 44 of the Patent Act. An examination of this clause makes it quite clear that it, in connection with Section 52, gives the Government quite sufficient authority to take any action which may be determined to be at once just and in the public interest.

"When the question is dealt with it should not be dealt with simply from the standpoint of the Cobalt, Ontario, mines. The question should be definitely settled in its application to the whole of Canada, so that the mining industry will know exactly where it stands with regard to this most important matter."

CHRISTMAS WITH CANADIAN ARMY

Mail From Home Is Arriving Promptly and Boys Are Looking Forward to Festive Season.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 21.—While the front is quiet, that quietness is only comparative. The morale of the enemy troops on the whole is good at present. Their attitude during the last two weeks has been aggressive, though general indications still point to a continuation of a defensive policy on their part. Indeed, while Germany is undoubtedly concentrating additional forces in the western theatre and is reported to have brought new troops from Russia to this area, prisoners captured on our front declare that the enemy is apprehensive of an offensive by us.

Outside of military operations, the Canadian units are concentrating their attention upon the Christmas festivities. The Christmas mail is pouring in from Canada and England. The Canada postal staff in the field has been increased by 30 per cent to meet the rush. It is confidently expected that by Christmas Day all the Christmas mail will have been delivered—thanks both to the efficiency of the postal service and to the action of the Canadian authorities in closing the Christmas mails at home on November 10.

Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie has endorsed the establishment of a field university by the Canadian divisions as an initial step in the educational movement, which, if successful, is to embrace all ranks in all services. This movement, which was initiated by the chaplain of the services and the Y.M.C.A., has the sympathetic support of all the Canadian divisions, which look to the establishment of a common Canadian active service university.

YEAR'S NET PROFITS OF BRIDGE COMPANY

More Than Million Dollars for Distribution by Dominion Company—Not Considered Satisfactory

MONTREAL, Dec. 21. — Dominion Bridge Company's net profits for the year ended October 31 last, available for distribution, amount to $1,186,436, as against $2,762,280 in 1916, a decrease of $1,575,844. "Disappointing," is the term used by the directors in their annual report, with the disappointment due "very largely to unremunerative contracts for shells and other munitions work." The percentage earned on capital stock was 18.2, against 42.5 the previous year.

The successful completion of the Quebec bridge contract does not enter into this report. With reference to the Quebec bridge contract, President Johnson states: "On the acceptance of the bridge by the Government a distribution of profits should be made, and your company will then receive about $1,500,000 as its share of the profits accumulated in the seven years the work has been in progress, and will also benefit by the return of a good portion of the cash capital invested in the work."

President Johnson intimated that there is some doubt as to whether the present 10 per cent dividend of the company will be maintained, because of increased cost of production, payments for munitions work being in part deferred and new legislation as regards business profits taxation being expected.

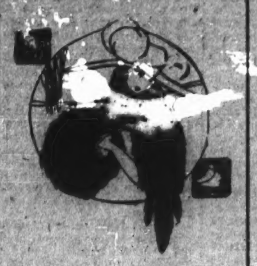
Heavy Railway Traffic

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Six Canadian Pacific Railway trains from Vancouver and Winnipeg arrived at the Union station today. This is the greatest volume of travel in years from the West at Christmas time. The Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Northern Railway trains from the West were crowded. The explanation given for the rush by a prominent passenger official is that the travelers waited to vote in the elections and then started East for Christmas.

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Store Open Tonight and Monday Until 9:30

CLOSING CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY



A Set of Furs

Will Make a Handsome Gift

—especially if it's a set chosen from this nice assortment of choice pieces.

Fashionable Fur Stoles of Black Wolf. Each, $12.50, $15.00, $20.00, $22.50, $25.00.

Black Wolf Fur Muffs, to match Stoles, $12.50, $15.00 and up to $29.75.

Vicuna Fox Sets, in both white and tan. A set, $17.50, $18.50 and $20.00.

—Mantles, First Floor

A Pair of Dent's, Perrins' or Trefousse Gloves Sure to Please

—for these are the best makers in Ladies' Gloves. They have a world-wide reputation for quality, and every lady appreciates wearing a pair.

We append a short list of the different styles and prices. If you are not sure of the correct size—send a Spencer Glove Scrip.

Cape Skin Gloves, 1-dome, tans only, all sizes; a pair, $1.50.
Glace Kid Gloves in black and white, also white with black points; a pair, $150.
Real Chamois Gloves, in natural and white; a pair, $1.50.
Cape Skin Gloves, in tans only, 1-dome; a pair, $1.75.
Glace Kid Gloves, in tans, browns, black and white; also white with black points; a pair, $1.75.
Cape Skin Washable Gloves, in tans, white and putty; a pair, $1.90.
Dent's Chamois Gloves; selected skins and very fine values; in white, and white with black points; a pair, $1.90.
Dent's and Perrin's Gloves, Glace Kid, in black, white, brown, tan, grey; also black with white points and white with black points; a pair, $2.00.
Dent's Cape Skin Gloves, in tan only; 1 and 2-dome; a pair, $1.90.
Fleece-lined Mocha Gloves, misses' sizes; a pair, $1.50.
Cape Skin Fleece-lined Gloves, 1-dome and tans only; a pair, $1.50.
Mocha Fleece-lined Gloves; greys and browns; a pair, $2.00.
Mocha Fleece-lined Gloves, in greys and browns; fur wrist; a pair, $2.50 and $2.75.
Misses' Glace and Cape Skin Gloves; a pair, $1.35.
Woollen Gloves, seamless knit, in grey, brown, tan, navy, white and black, a pair, 85c.
Woollen Gloves, in all shades, a pair, 50c.
Children's Woollen Gloves, in all colors; a pair, 35c and 40c.
Women's Cape Skin Gloves, with strap wrist; extra quality; a pair, $3.50.
Women's Chamois Gloves, strap wrist, in white and natural; a pair, $2.75.

—Gloves, Main Floor

The Rebuilding Sale of Boys' Suits and Overcoats Continues



—It has been a very busy week with us in this department, but busier ones are ahead of us today and Monday; for many parents are taking advantage of this sale and buying their boys new Suits and Overcoats for Christmas gifts.

Suits and Overcoats make most practical gifts at this season, to say nothing of the great opportunity afforded to save.

Visit this department today and examine the bargains for yourself.

Balance of Our Stock of Boys' Overcoats Grouped Into Four Prices
$7.95, $8.95, $9.75, $10.95

—This represents the entire balance of stock, and values that were formerly selling up to $16.75. There is a good selection of styles, materials and sizes—that is if you shop today. For you will readily understand that we cannot sell several hundred garments within five days—without the sizes in some styles getting somewhat broken up. So don't run the risk of disappointment. Buy today.

Sizes 8 to 13 years. Formerly priced to $11.50, now $7.95.
Sizes 14 to 17 years. Formerly priced to $13.50, now $8.95.

Best Quality Materials—
Sizes 8 to 13 years. Formerly priced to $15.00, now $9.75.
Sizes 14 to 17 years. Formerly priced to $16.75, now $10.95.

Boys' Norfolk Suits Clearing at $4.50, $5.50, $6.50 and $7.50

For Regular Values to $9.75

—Very smart yoke Norfolk effects, with bloomer pants finished with Governor fasteners at knee. Suits all boys appreciate—and your boy will welcome one for his Christmas gift. A splendid selection of patterns and shades to choose from—all nice, durable quality fabrics.

Sizes 6 to 12 years. Formerly priced to $6.50, now $4.50.
Sizes 13 to 16 years. Formerly priced to $7.50, now $5.50.

Better Grade Materials—
Sizes 6 to 12 years. Formerly priced to $8.95, now $6.50.
Sizes 13 to 16 years. Formerly priced to $9.75, now $7.50.

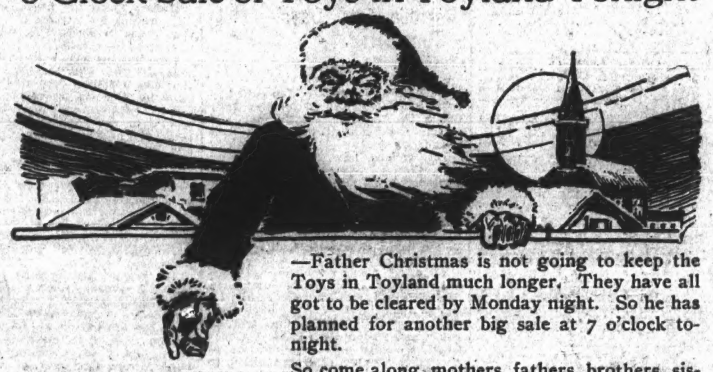
—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

A New Dress for Baby

Dainty Hand-Embroidered Dresses of fine pique and organdies. In sizes 6 months to 4 years. These will make welcome Christmas gifts. Special, each, $4.75.

—Infants', First Floor

Father Christmas Holds Another 7:00 o'Clock Sale of Toys in Toyland Tonight



—Father Christmas is not going to keep the Toys in Toyland much longer. They have all got to be cleared by Monday night. So he has planned for another big sale at 7 o'clock tonight.

So come along, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters—everyone. There's plenty of room in this big store, and there will be plenty of bargains in useful Christmas gifts. Just read this list:

Dolls, with hair. Regular $1.75 value for 95c.

Kewpie Dolls—
Regular 25c for 18c.
Regular 50c for 39c.
Regular 75c for 59c.
Regular 90c for 72c.
Regular $1.25 for 98c.
Regular $1.90 for $1.50.

Dumping Sandy and Sandy Andy. Regular $1.50. Clearing at, each, 78c.
Cotton Dogs. Regular 50c for 38c.
$1.00 Swords for 68c.
Builderettes. Regular 25c for 19c.
A B C Blocks. Regular 35c for 19c.
Kitchen Sets. Regular $1.75 for $1.25.
Kitchen Sets. Regular $1.25 for 75c.
Autos. Regular $11.25 for $9.18.

—Toyland, First Floor

A Special Christmas Offer in Men's Sweater Coats

20 Dozen $5.00 Garments to Go at $3.95



—We were fortunate in securing 20 dozen of these fine quality Sweater Coats, at a very special price. So we place them on sale today at a price that will create very quick selling.

These Coats are made in two styles, as follows:

Medium weight quality, made from 75 per cent woolen yarns; nicely knit and well finished. Style features the popular shawl collar and side pockets. Sizes 36 to 44. In shades Oxford with maroon, plain shades Oxford, brown, grey and fawn.

The other style is finished with military collar and in sizes 34 to 44. The plain shades are: Fawn, maroon, myrtle and khaki; also grey with maroon, fawn with brown, fawn with myrtle, Oxford with maroon, and brown with fawn.

Regular $5.00 values for $3.95.

—Selling Main Floor

Give a Boudoir Cap

—and choose one from this nice selection of latest styles. There are Caps of fine muslins, silk, silk crepe de Chine, finished in various styles, with trimmings of lace ribbons, chiffons and flowers. Prices range 50c to $3.50.

—Whitewear, First Floor

Foxy Grandpa Books 35c Each

"Laugh and Live," by Douglas Fairbanks, $1.00.

—Bookland, in Toyland

Men's $1.75 Underwear $1.50

—A nice heavy wool mixture, elastic rib, in natural color. Sizes 34 to 44, in both shirts and drawers. A regular $1.75 grade. Today, a garment, $1.50.

—Selling Main Floor

Camisoles—A Useful Gift

—A splendid range of styles in silk and silk crepe de Chine. Very daintily trimmed with lace and ribbons. Just what women need for wear under their blouses and dresses. Prices range $1.25 to $4.50.

—Whitewear, First Floor

Wheel Goods Have Arrived

Delayed Shipment of Tricycles, Speeders, Autos, Express Wagons and Row Wagons

A complete range in styles and sizes. Owing to the hold-up on railway these goods were greatly delayed in transit. There being but two days left for Christmas shopping, we place them ON SALE IMMEDIATELY AT PRICES TO CREATE VERY QUICK SELLING. Shop early and make sure of yours.

—Toyland, First Floor

Beautifully Hand-Painted Vases to Clear at Half Price

—A score or so different styles and decorations, in very pretty colorings—floral figures and landscape scenes. Vases fit to adorn any home. They make ideal Christmas or wedding gifts. Made in heights 9, 12, 18, 22 and 24 inches.

To clean up the balance of this stock, we offer them at half price. That is, we will sell the pair at the price of one—

90c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.95 and $2.50 a Pair

On Sale at 8:30 Today

—Crockery, Second Floor

Always Safe in Giving Slippers

—because Slippers are always needed. Why not decide on a pair from the following numbers? The qualities are reliable, and the prices most reasonable:

Women's Felt Juliet Slippers, fur-trimmed; leather soles and heels. A pair, $2.50.
Women's Kid Boudoir Slippers—in grey, black, brown, blue, red, pink and purple. A pair, $2.00.
Women's Felt Boudoir Slippers—in grey, lavender, old rose, blue and brown. A pair, $2.00.
Women's "Arctic" Plaid Slippers; felt and leather soles. A pair, $1.50 and $1.75.

A Big Table of Women's Slippers Priced $1.50

—including quilted satin and felt models. A splendid variety and all special values.

Girls' "Arctic" Plaid Slippers, with ankle strap; sizes 11 to 2. A pair, $1.00.
Children's Felt Strap Slippers—in red and blue. Sizes, 4 to 10. A pair, 85c.
Japanese Quilted Satin Slippers, neatly embroidered. Special at 90c.

—Slippers, First Floor

Our Selection of Latest Copyright Fiction Is the Best in the City

—You are sure of getting what you want in the way of titles here. No need to waste time, come right away and make your choice. Here are a few by way of suggestion:

His Last Bow, by Conan Doyle, $1.35.
The Luck of the Irish, by Harold McGrath, $1.40.
The Secret Witness, by Geo. Gibbs, $1.50.
The Yellow Dove, by Geo. Gibbs, $1.35.
The Soul of a Bishop, by H. G. Wells.
The Hundredth Chance, by Ethel Dell.
The White Ladies of Worcester, by Florence Barclay, $1.50.
The Definite Object, by Jeffrey Farnol, $1.50.
Anne's House of Dreams, by Halen Montgomery, $1.50.
The Dwelling Place of Light, by Winston Churchill, $1.60.
The Cinema Murder, by E. P. Oppenheim, $1.35.
Summer, by Edith Wherton, $1.50.
Barbarians, by Robert Chambers, $1.40.
And many others.

—Books, Main Floor

Gift Suggestions in Waists

—The best and largest selection of dainty Waists in the city. You will find choosing here a real pleasure.

Voile Waists, in new designs. Priced from $1.25 to $3.75.

Jap Silk Waists, in all-white and in striped effects, $2.50 to $5.75.

Crepe de Chine Waists, in all the wanted shades and latest styles, from $3.50, $4.75, $5.75 and up.

Dressy Waists in silk crepe de Chine, Georgette crepes and shadow lace effects. Priced up from $4.75.

—Waists, First Floor

Umbrellas

Suitable for men and women, and in dozens of different grades and styles suitable for giving away as Christmas gifts.

Come and look our stock over—it's the largest and best selection in the Province.

—Main Floor